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The Communists Are After Our Minds

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A new Federal law strips the Communist Party of all legal rights and privileges. This statute, designed to aid in law enforcement, does not mean that any of us can afford to relax vigilance against the conspiracy to influence our thinking. The Commies are still pursuing the devious and dangerous methods which Mr. Hoover describes in this illuminating article.

—The Editor

WHILE most Americans in recent months have been concerned over the advance of Communism on an international scale, not all of us understand the grim fact that Communists are still actively penetrating our national life. While there are less than 25,000 Communist Party members in the United States, they wield an influence far greater than their numbers suggest. From coast to coast, hard-core Reds continue to use every available technique, ruse, and artifice to capture the minds and control the behavior of loyal Americans, and, in a lamentable number of cases, they are successful in doing so.

Never a day passes that I do not receive reliable reports on Communist activities in many different parts of the nation. Almost no field of our society is immune to them. In the ranks of the concealed Communists today are labor

leaders, educators, publicists, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and even clergymen.

To secure evidence that establishes the allegiance of those dedicated to the alien ways of world Communism calls for painstaking and arduous work. The secret Communist presents a special problem because he seeks to avoid provable law violations. But every American should wake up to the fact that the Reds in our midst are still very active, indeed, and are exerting power and influence in almost every field of thought.

Delegates, for example, from all over the country started arriving at a certain city for a large labor convention. They checked in at hotels, greeted old friends, and discussed the forthcoming convention business. Late in the day a taxicab drew up at a hotel and a man jumped out. He registered quickly and, without looking to right or left, went straight to his room.

That man was a high official of the Communist Party and he, too, had come to "attend" the convention. He did not register as a delegate or even as a visitor, and he did not sit in on any of the actual meetings. In fact, he was so afraid of being recognized that he never left his hotel room. Yet, as much as any delegate present he was kept aware of what was going on, and he played an important part in promoting Communist Party interests at the convention.

A few minutes after he had arrived at the hotel, we have learned, one of the top officials of the union, who was a concealed Communist, entered his room and talked with him. The Party official, who was obviously the "boss," gave the union man his instructions.

"Here's a resolution the convention should adopt," he said, and proceeded to dictate word for word a resolution which the union official was to present the next day.

"I don't like the order in which resolutions are to be introduced," the Party bigwig went

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on. "Try to get this one acted on first. That will smooth the way for the others."

The visitor nodded his head obediently. "I think I can get them switched around," he said.

The Party official then took up other matters with the union official. He told him to find out if financial help could be given to certain pro-Communist groups from union funds. He ordered him to exert pressure to encourage a conference strongly favored by the Party. He criticized him sharply for allowing an individual whom the Party had characterized as a "Red baiter" to be favorably mentioned at union sessions.

When the union official went to the convention floor the next day, he did just what he had been told to do. But none of his fellow delegates, except a few other concealed Communists, suspected he was not what he appeared to be—a legitimate labor leader. The newspapers reported the decisions of the convention, and neither the public nor the vast majority of the union's members ever realized that several of the decisions had come straight from a top leader of the Communist Party.

That case is one of many in which concealed Communists have exerted influence over labor groups. Since World War II, when the Party made sizable inroads into American labor, patriotic union leaders have done a magnificent job of cleaning them out of many unions. But the Reds are still inflexibly determined to use the labor movement, and are continually trying to bore within both left-wing and right-wing unions.

You may wonder how, after all the publicity their methods have received, the Communists are still able to penetrate labor organizations and bend some of them to their will. The answer lies in the fact that most Party members today are tireless workers, have been trained in techniques of subterfuge and infiltration, and are willing to wait years, if need be, to achieve their aims.

In one large city with an industry which is essential to national defense, the Party arranged for ten concealed members to "colonize" key plants. The Reds, who are operating with such extreme caution that often their identity is not known even to one another, have been instructed to appear "just like other guys" on the job and not to display any pro-Communist leanings. Instead, they are under orders to promote personal friendships with fellow workers—including the most "reactionary"—and to participate actively in all union affairs, never shirking from the most lowly or onerous union chores.

Within two or three years, the Party leadership figures, these colonists will

have won groups of non-Communist friends in various departments of the industry—friends whom they can influence—and will have attained at least minor union positions. Then their activities will be "integrated" by the Party higher-ups in a bold move to seize control of the union or an important section of it. Experience has shown many times that a comparatively small number of determined Reds can dominate a large labor organization, and that is what the comrades hope to accomplish here.

Similar colonization we know is being done by concealed Communists in several other large industries where surface appearances might indicate there is no subversive activity.

IN ONE city, Party members were recently instructed to give up all leftist activities and affiliations which might place them under suspicion and to join a right-wing labor group. They have even been coached by Party experts on how to answer embarrassing questions which might be put to them by authorities.

In another city, Communists have been ordered to resign from well-paid jobs in one line of work and to take poorly-paid jobs as beginners in another line, because the Party wishes to penetrate the union representing that trade. Being faithful Party members, these Communists have taken their cut in income without a whimper.

In still another city, Party leaders decided recently that too many of their members were concentrated in one industry. They have provided a number of them with aliases and new Social Security cards, and have placed them in jobs in several other industries in other localities, where they will have larger opportunities to spread Red doctrines and to commit sabotage in the event of war.

These examples give only an inkling of the broad activities of Communists in the labor field. They are by no means as open in their manipulations as they were a decade ago, but there is hardly a large labor group anywhere which is entirely free of them.

In their unceasing efforts to shape the thinking and attitudes of what they call the "masses," the Reds have always devoted much attention to idea-molding fields, such as education, the press, radio, and television. Here, too, they are still dangerously active.

There can be no doubt that the great majority of American teachers are loyal citizens, yet a witness who formerly held a high position in the Communist Party recently testified that the Party has members at work in every kind of educational institution, from nursery schools to the universities.

For example, Communist teachers or fellow travelers are subtly persuading

children aged 2 to 5 not to believe in religion, and are poisoning their minds with contempt or dislike for other "capitalistic institutions." In one of many colleges where Communists are known to have taught, there was a teacher who tried to get over to his students the idea that "Communism is the only hope of Mexico." At one of our great universities a renowned scientist recently compared Christianity unfavorably to Marxism, and stated that "Marxism has that optimism which alone can build a new world."

Being good tacticians, the Communists realize that one concealed Party member in education may be worth a dozen in less strategic fields, and some of their more successful propagandists in this area have influenced, and are influencing, the ideas of thousands of impressionable young people.

There is the case, for instance, of an ex-professor who has addressed college students all over the country. Billed as an "expert" on Russia, and reputed to have once served as an adviser to the Russian Government, the professor is introduced to students as an unprejudiced specialist on international affairs who can give them a "clear" and "unbiased" picture of conditions in that country.

When the professor starts lecturing, however, everything that he says turns out to be an apology for the Soviet Union. The Soviets are misunderstood in the United States, he says. Russia is a peace-loving nation with no aggressive intentions. This country, not Russia, is the one which is wrong. . . . All typical Communist propaganda!

Most students who have heard this "specialist," and the college officials who have permitted him to lecture at their institutions, think he is an honest liberal. But in the FBI we know better. We have proof that he is a concealed Communist and we know that he is under direct orders of the Communist Party, USA, which follows the Moscow line. This scholarly individual's activities have been somewhat curtailed of late, but others like him are still assailing the minds of youth with Red lies.

IN THE publishing field, concealed Communists are not so numerous as they were a few years ago, but in some firms they still exert great influence over the printed word.

An editor, who until recently held a high editorial post in a respectable, non-Communist publishing house, provides a good illustration of this type of Red operator. An intelligent and highly educated individual, he had a wide range of contacts with writers, and played an important part in deciding what kind of reading matter his company would provide for the public. He used his strategic

position to promote the Communist viewpoint.

This editor was clever enough not to reveal his Red connections or to publish the work of known Communist writers. But he featured the writings of Communist sympathizers and fellow travelers, and encouraged non-Communist authors to prepare articles favorable to Party policies. At the same time, in reviewing manuscripts, he often suggested that pro-Communist material be enlarged upon, but asked that passages unfavorable to the Party line be eliminated or toned down. His work for the Red cause was thus both offensive and defensive. He avoided any open violation of the law, but it is not possible to even speculate on the thousands of readers who were deceived or misinformed by this one Red editor.

Other concealed Communists are operating in a number of other publishing concerns, large and small, and still other comrades play a part in deciding what goes on the airwaves.

To cite just one case, all the programs broadcast by a big television station in a Southern city are under the direction of a man with a record of Communist activities stretching back for more than ten years. A former labor agitator in the North, and a leader in Red-front organizations and political campaigns, this individual gave up his open Party affiliations when he moved South and went to work for the television station.

To most of his fellow townsmen he appears to be a patriotic citizen. But the front he puts up is a sham. He still has secret ties with the Party, and a small Communist club comprised of local professional people meets regularly in his home. He is too cagey to put any outright Red propaganda on the air, but, like the Red editor I mentioned, he is in a position where, by the mere choice of the material he uses, and the emphasis or lack of emphasis he places on it, he can subtly shape attitudes in a large audience.

CONCEALED Communists in the medical and legal professions are also being used by the Party in its efforts to capture the mass mind. In a number of communities, Red doctors regularly dish out Communist propaganda to their patients while treating their aches and pains, and they lend the prestige of their names to Red causes. Right now, some Red doctors also are providing needed medical care for Communists hiding from the law, and performing facial surgery to alter their appearance. Red lawyers, in addition to giving legal advice to comrades in trouble, are working in a number of communities to influence the opinions of public officials, including senators, representatives, governors, and mayors.

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without their undercover Reds. The Communists realize that religion is our strongest bulwark against the encroachment of Marxist doctrines, and in some instances are trying to attack Christian faith at its wellsprings by influencing or winning over ordained ministers as recruits to aid the Party.

One concealed Communist minister, who we know is in constant contact with high-ranking Party leaders, preaches Red-slanted sermons to large congregations in an Eastern city, consistently praises Communist programs in speeches and articles which he writes, and serves as a mouthpiece for Red fronts.

Another Red-fronting minister, on the West Coast, is making a play for the minds of young people by holding "Youth Festivals" at his church and leading discussions which shed a favorable light on Communism. Still another pulpit Red apologist recently told an audience: "We must not make a holy war against Russia. . . . The Soviets are not opposed to freedom in Europe or anywhere else. . . . It is only Fascism to which they are opposed."

OF ALL the mass techniques which the Reds are using to influence the minds of Americans, the Communist fronts are the most effective. A Communist front is any organization or movement controlled by the Party. It may be local, state-wide, or national in character; may be large or small; and may exist for years or only for a few days. But in every case the objective of the front organizers is to surround themselves with respectable non-Communists and use them to advance a Party program or spread Red propaganda.

In a Midwestern state, for example, Party headquarters recently decided to create a new front organization. It would be called the—Committee for Peace. The first step was to contact a doctor who, though known as a non-Communist, was willing to co-operate with Communists. He was asked to supply a list of "conservative people" who might be asked to serve as sponsors.

Interestingly, of the group of sponsors whom the doctor proposed, the Party rejected one. "This person," an official said, "can't be used." That was because he had once publicly attacked the Communists, and the Party officials felt he couldn't be trusted. They feared he might see through the whole sham and denounce the front, which would be what the Reds described as a "disaster."

But the other proposed sponsors met with the Party's approval, and intense activity got under way. Telephones jingled, doorbells rang, handbills were distributed, announcements were sent to the press, and a mass meeting was arranged by the "committee." At the meeting, pro-Communist speakers made

eloquent appeals for peace and disarmament, and implied, of course, that Americans were very foolish to be fearful of peace-loving Russia. The audience, composed mostly of non-Communists, was duly impressed, and so, no doubt, were many people who read accounts of the meeting in the local newspapers. Thus a handful of Party connivers were able to achieve a propaganda triumph by utilizing respectable citizens as their dupes.

Fronts like that are being used constantly in the name of all kinds of apparently worthy causes—to protect civil rights, to protest the high cost of living, to combat racial discrimination, to guard the rights of the foreign-born, and to advocate "true democracy." But, back of the scenes, Party members invariably pull the strings and manipulate the front to serve the Party's purposes.

In some instances they are so successful in doing so that they stir up nationwide agitation. A striking illustration of this was the "Save the Rosenbergs" campaign of 1953. The plot for this front was hatched high in the Communist Party, not with any hope or even desire of saving from execution Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atomic spies, but to serve five other Party aims:

- (1) To discredit the American system of justice generally;
- (2) To discredit the FBI, which had apprehended the Rosenbergs;
- (3) To add fuel to the world-wide "Hate America" program which the Party has been fostering since 1945;
- (4) To make it appear that the Rosenbergs were victims of widespread anti-Semitism in the United States, and thus obscure increasing manifestations of anti-Semitism in Russia and her satellite states; and
- (5) To divert attention from the fact that the spies had worked hand in glove with diplomatic representatives of the Soviet Union.

The Communists went all out to achieve these objectives, and the results provided a tribute to their diabolical skill as organizers. By appealing to non-Communist humanitarian and religious leaders in the name of "mercy" and "justice," they prevailed upon literally hundreds of them to join their "crusade," received a vast amount of front-page publicity all over the world, and even induced 6,000 persons—comparatively few of whom were Party members—to go to Washington and picket the White House.

They failed to save the lives of the two traitors, as they knew they probably would from the start, but they succeeded in making them appear as martyrs to thousands of good people, and won an impressive propaganda victory.

How can a corps of less than 25,000 Communists exert so much power and influence?

One reason lies in the fact that they are assisted by a host of sympathizers and fellow travelers. It has long been their boast that for every Party member they control at least 10 other persons who are ready, able, and willing to do the Party's work. That this ratio still holds true is indicated by the readership of Red periodicals. While the circulation of the Party's two official newspapers, *The Daily Worker* and *The Worker* (published Sundays), has dropped to 10,443 and 28,822, respectively, total daily circulation of all American Communist organs, in both the English-language and the foreign-language fields, comes to approximately 250,000—just 10 times the Party's membership. And you can be sure that most people who read these Red periodicals regularly have strong Party sympathies, if they are not actual Party members.

Another reason for the effectiveness of the Communists is that they are well financed. For 30 years the Party leadership has fabricated tall tales about financial difficulties, to induce rank-and-file members to make larger donations to Party coffers. In 1945, for example, when the National Committee had a surplus of \$43,000 in its treasury, a desperate appeal was made to members stating the Party was in the worst financial straits in its history. These same poor-mouth tactics are used today, and many rank-and-filers think the Party is chronically broke. Actually, it has plenty of money at all times, and can raise much more when it wishes to.

This was demonstrated in 1947, when the Party raised \$1,000,000 in a few days to fight anti-Communist legislation, and again in 1948, when the Party dug up \$500,000 to fight passage of another anti-Communist measure, the Mundt-Nixon Bill. During the 9-month trial of 11 top Communists in 1951, the Party spent approximately \$7,000 weekly on their defense.

The Party takes in money regularly from dues and special assessments of members—it has been estimated that it costs about \$1 a day to be the humblest kind of Communist—and also receives a steady flow of cash from fund drives, investments, business enterprises which it operates, left-wing unions, and wealthy "angels." Surprising as it may seem, the Party at various times has received revenue from commercial concerns, including night clubs, a tavern, a used-clothing store, a stationery store, a leather-goods store; a co-operative apartment building, an automobile sales agency, a farm co-operative, and an import and export firm. Among its angels have been both self-made businessmen and heirs to fortunes earned in private enterprise.

One of the Party's first angels, a man who was born in Russia and made a fortune in this country in the jewelry business, made big contributions which helped send the Party off to a strong start in the United States, and other wealthy persons have assisted it financially ever since. A woman whose husband left her \$500,000 set up a holding corporation for the Party's benefit at one juncture, and two sisters who inherited \$330,000 from their capitalist father, supported the Party in their state for years. A rich clergyman who was converted to Marxism during a long illness, bequeathed over \$200,000 to Red causes.

TODAY several wealthy individuals who are either Party members or fellow travelers help the Communists with large gifts, and many well-to-do sympathizers in business and professional fields donate smaller but still substantial funds. While the Reds profess to detest capitalism, capital is a tool they have always used extensively and are still using.

The most important reason for their continued effectiveness in many areas, however, is attributable to Party discipline and their fanatical adherence to it. To a dyed-in-the-wool Communist—and most of them today are dyed-in-the-wool—the edicts of the Party are supreme law. The Party member will lie, commit crime, or even break up his family if the Party orders him to.

Not long ago a Communist leader who the Party thought had fallen under suspicion of the FBI, was ordered to drop completely out of sight. He did so, not even telling his wife and children that he was leaving them, and emerged a few weeks later in another city with a new name and background which had been provided for him. He lived there with a woman Communist who, in turn, deserted her husband and children, on the Party's orders, to become his paramour. The fact that two homes have been wrecked to serve Party objectives means less than nothing to the ruthless individuals who direct its policies.

In the Communists' underground apparatus, which they have always had, but which was greatly expanded beginning in 1945, all kinds of skulduggery like that are going on constantly, and some of the devices they use would do credit to a lurid mystery thriller. Party members who are wanted by the FBI—or think they are—almost never appear in public in the daytime. Club meetings are held at 2 or 3 A.M., when streets are deserted and it is comparatively easy to avoid surveillance.

Certain comrades provide hideouts for others who have gone deep underground or into the "deep freeze," as they put it. Other Reds have become specialists in providing phony birth

certificates, Social Security cards, and union credentials.

Instead of using the mails or making long-distance telephone calls, the Party today relies regularly upon couriers to carry important messages from city to city. These couriers always have some legitimate excuse for traveling. They are frequently spied upon by other Communists, as are all Reds who perform important missions or hold important Party positions. Nobody in the Communist Party today completely trusts anybody else.

Because of the many security measures and subterfuges which the Communists employ, it is not easy for the FBI to keep track of all their activities. It is obviously impossible for our 6,400 Agents to watch 25,000 of them every hour of every day, in addition to our other staggering duties. On the other hand, the security restrictions the Communists have imposed upon themselves have hampered their effectiveness in a number of ways. By going underground, the Reds have become more dangerous in some respects but less so in others.

What we need to do most about the concealed Communists is to be alert to the threat which they represent, and aware of their undercover tactics. It is not necessary for anyone to become unduly suspicious of his neighbors. On the other hand, great caution should be exercised by anyone who thinks he has detected a concealed Communist. False accusations and careless insinuations can do more to destroy our way of life than to preserve it. Anyone who obtains evidence of what he believes to be subversive behavior on the part of another person should not jump to conclusions, but should at once turn over his evidence to the FBI.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

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FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE
VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA
DR. KENNETH D. WELLS, PRESIDENT

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SYNOPSIS:

By letter dated August 5, 1955,* Dr. Kenneth D. Wells requested that the Director make a three and one-half to four minute tape recording of the highlights of his article entitled "The Communists Are After Our Minds" to be broadcast over the ABC Radio Network and the Armed Forces Radio Service.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is a nonprofit, non-sectarian, nonpolitical organization with objectives being to encourage and reward Americans for their efforts to preserve the American way of life under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This organization has conferred three awards on the Director for three separate articles. Bufiles reflect only favorable information regarding Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. President Eisenhower, Attorney General Brownell and other cabinet members have taken an active part in Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and have been recipients of awards from this organization. Freedoms Foundation has granted over 400 awards involving over one and one-half million dollars, the majority of which has gone to schools and students. This organization has done a terrific job in arousing the patriotic American spirit.

Bufiles contain extensive correspondence from Dr. Wells since 1950. He has visited Bureau on several occasions and has talked with you. Wells is known as an efficient administrator, an excellent public relations man. He has elevated the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge from a small, unknown organization to one of the most outstanding patriotic organizations in the country. Wells was an applicant for a position with the FBI in 1941, but investigation was discontinued upon learning that he had difficulty with his employer regarding his salary. In his contacts with the Bureau, Wells has always expressed highest regard for FBI and the Director. Highlights of the Director's article, "The Communists Are After Our Minds," have been consolidated into a four-minute reading time paper which is attached.

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cc - Laboratory, with copy of enclosure
cc - Mr. Holloman, with copy of enclosure
cc - Mr. Nichols, with copy of enclosure

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on next page)

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Letter was acknowledged August 10, 1955, per details.

Memorandum Jones to Nichols

September 30, 1955

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Director make a tape recording of the attached statement reflecting the highlights of his article entitled "The Communists Are After Our Minds."
2. That the FBI Laboratory make appropriate arrangements to have the tape recording equipment set up at a time and place convenient for the Director's use.
3. That after the recording is made, this matter be referred to the Crime Records Section so that a communication can be directed to Dr. Wells forwarding the tape recording and requesting that in the interest of accuracy, the Bureau have an opportunity to review the script before broadcast.

*no action
taken - per
Mr. Nichols - to file 12/8/55*

Memorandum Jones to Nichols

September 30, 1955

DETAILS

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated August 5, 1955, to you, Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, requested that the Director make a three and one-half to four minute tape recording of the highlights of his article entitled "The Communists Are After Our Minds." Freedoms Foundation is cooperating with ABC Radio Network and the Armed Forces Radio Service in a weekly radio series entitled "Freedom Sings."

By letter dated August 10, 1955, to Dr. Wells, you acknowledged his letter of August 5, 1955, and indicated that this matter would be discussed upon the Director's return to this city.

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE:

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge was established in March, 1949, as a nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpolitical organization with objectives being to encourage and reward Americans for their efforts to preserve and extend the American way of life under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Bufiles reflect only favorable information regarding Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Considerable cordial correspondence has been had with representatives of this organization.

This organization has conferred three honors on the Director: In June, 1951, for his article, "Foe To Freedom;" in April, 1953, for his article, "Civil Liberties and Law Enforcement: The Role of the FBI;" and in May, 1955, for his magazine article entitled "The Communists Are After Our Minds."

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge each year selects Americans in various fields of endeavor who have exemplified the American way. A great majority of the awards go to schools and students. Last year the National Awards Jury was made up of thirty-four State Supreme Court Justices. It has been reported

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3 that since Freedoms Foundation came into being, 400 awards have been made involving one and one-half million dollars. The President of the United States, several cabinet members including the Attorney General, as well as numerous prominent individuals throughout the United States, have taken an active part in and have been recipients of awards from this organization.

DR. KENNETH DALE WELLS:

Dr. Wells was an unsuccessful applicant for an appointment with the FBI in 1941. The applicant investigation was discontinued when information was uncovered to the effect that Wells had been accused by a former employer of appropriating a \$450 salary increase in connection with his employment in the Jayson Shoe Company in Los Angeles, California, without the permission of his employer.

In February, 1949, Wells called at the Bureau to see the Director, and, in the latter's absence, talked with you. Wells was interested in having the Director resign from the Bureau to manage Freedoms Foundation. Wells has met you on several occasions. Last year you accepted the George Washington Medal in the Director's behalf from Dr. Wells.

Wells was one of the Founders of Freedoms Foundation. He is an efficient administrator, an excellent public relations man. He has elevated the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge from a small, unknown organization to one of the most outstanding patriotic organization in the country. Bureau speakers have appeared before gatherings sponsored by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Last year Wells was reported to have stated that Robert Johnson, President of Temple University, had told him that the FBI had requested that Temple University retain suspected Communist members. Thorough investigation revealed that Johnson had an erroneous impression, and no facts were found to support such an allegation on the part of Johnson. Dr. Wells was interviewed by Agents of the Philadelphia Office on August 25, 1954, at which time he stated he realized the policy of the FBI not to request the retention of suspected Communist faculty members for Bureau assistance. Wells pointed out that when questions arose in this regard during his visits to numerous universities throughout the country while on lecture tours, he took it upon himself to explain that the FBI would not make any such recommendations. He took this occasion to express his high opinion of the Director and the FBI.

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September 30, 1955

Highlights of the Director's article entitled "The Communists Are After Our Minds" which appeared in the October, 1954, issue of "The American Magazine," have been consolidated into a brief statement. It is approximately four minutes reading time in length. A copy is attached.

The figure of 25,000 for the number of Communists in the United States has been revised to reflect the current figure of less than 23,000.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. [signature]*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[signature]*

SUBJECT: Freedom's Foundation

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Dr. Kenneth Wells, the head of Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation with whom we have had a very cordial relationship in the past, came in to see me on 1/10/56. Two of the big contributors have been Clint W. Murchison and Sid W. Richardson. He talked to them ten days ago in Texas and both assured him they would intercede with the Director with a view of getting the Director to accept the Foundation's invitation to make the awards and to speak at their big program on 2/22/56, at Valley Forge. The Director has previously been invited to this program and has always declined.

Wells stated that this was really their big year. They now have the funds to make a \$50,000 award, which will be known as the George Washington prize, and seven \$25,000 awards annually. The setting would provide an excellent opportunity for a message to the youth of the Nation which would be broadcast over NBC covering approximately 15 minutes. They would want the Director to make the principal speech and present the principal awards and then take a brief tour of Valley Forge. He would not have to be there except for the period of 10:45 a.m. to approximately 2:30 in the afternoon.

I told Dr. Wells that it was becoming more and more difficult for the Director to make any commitments and I thought it would be impossible for him to do it this year, however, I would discuss the matter with him.

cc - Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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January 17, 1956

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Dr. Kenneth D. Wells
President
Freedoms Foundation
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Ken:

I talked to Mr. Hoover regarding your kind invitation to participate in the February 22 program at Valley Forge.

This is something the Director would like very much to do, but with the uncertainty of his commitments, he feels that it would be very unfair to even plan on this. Perhaps some day things will not be quite so hectic and he can do some of the things he would like to do.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 2, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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Tom Sawyer, of the Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, called to ask if we could really do him a favor. They are having their annual pilgrimage of the teachers and students from 150 high schools to Valley Forge this coming Sunday, May 6. Mr. Suttler has previously addressed the group on other years. This year they had a minister designated to speak; however, he called yesterday and stated that he could not keep the commitment. Tom was in a state of desperation. I told Tom I appreciated his forthrightness in the matter; that I would check and we would help him if we could.

I subsequently called him back and told him Mr. Suttler was tied up; that I had gone over the list of others who could do this job and they, likewise, were all committed. I told him we regretted we just could not help out.

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November 21, 1956

Dr. Kenneth D. Wells
President
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Wells:

Mr. Nichols called to my attention your letter of November 5, 1956, enclosing the text of your recent remarks which appeared in "The Valley Forge Sentinel" on November 1.

You certainly approached your treatment of the world-wide menace of communism in a most thought-provoking manner. I am sure that it must have made a profound impression upon your audience. Presentations such as this need to have the widest possible dissemination, because the real fight against communism must be carried on from the standpoint of education and enlightenment of others.

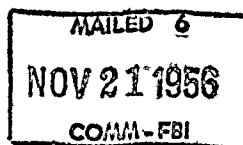
I also read with considerable interest the letter which you received from your foster son in Germany. I can well imagine his feelings at being a witness to the shocking events that have transpired in satellite countries. I only wish that more of our people would awaken to the potential danger that exists.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: See Nichols to Tolson Memo dated 11-20-56 . LBN:nl

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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

November 5, 1956.

KENNETH D. WELLS
PRESIDENT

Mr. Louis Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lou:

In my seven years as President of Freedoms Foundation, I have never sent anything I have written or said, to any directors or friends. Here at this time of crisis with bonfires for freedom lighting up in Europe and with every American focusing his eyes on the National Election, I thought the enclosed newspaper might be appropriately interesting.

Every best personal regard.

Faithfully yours,




Kenneth D. Wells Pa

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P.S. Hope I quoted Mr. Hoover's article correctly.

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*Let this letter be
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I add a copy of a letter from  who after four years 
Completing his studies in Germany
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November 9, 1956.

Dear Pappy:

In vain I have been trying to do some studying. The events of the last weeks and especially of this morning occupy my mind too much. After a short period of hope, of joy, of a new outlook on things we are realizing the saddest depression again. Hungary, so it had appeared had succeeded in shaking off the yoke of Russian oppression. But this morning the Soviet Army started to beat back and the Communist leaders of Russia committed another treachery. You cannot imagine my feelings of hatred and despair. We have taken so much interest in the revolution in Hungary and we have had so much sympathy with that fight for freedom and we were so happy at the outcome which seemed final to us that now all our hopes are blasted and our aversion toward Russia has grown many times to what it had been before.

I personally have never before experienced such a breach of promise by the Russians. When the Russians disregarded one agreement after another before I was too young to take active part in politics. I did never trust them much. But I had an opinion of them better of what they themselves proved to be worth. The freedom loving people of Hungary are being killed and we are spectators. Is there no way we can help them?

Now I know how you must have felt toward Germany during the war. Since Hitler and his followers have committed similar and worse things. And I also understand your hatred of China. You may wonder why it took me so long to realize the depth of badness of the Russian Communists. I cannot give you an explanation. The fight in Hungary has been going on almost two weeks and you cannot imagine the wave of sympathy in Germany. We rushed home to hear the news ten, fifteen times a day. Our papers published large articles on Hungary, taking up more space of the editions than anything else. We all were willing to help and contributed to the collections of the Red loss. And now - everything was in vain. Thousands of people killed without reaching their objective - freedom. And only because a few, a group of dictators, have the power to do what they want.

Israel, France and Great Britain are to blame just the same. They have been preaching democracy to the universe and have forgotten to practice this way of life with their own. They certainly made it easier for the Russians to force Hungary back into World Communism. Eisenhower and Dulles have grown in stature and the United States seems to be the only nation adherent to its principles. In this moment my adoration of the United States is greater than ever.



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.... Washington Went to His Knees in Prayer at Valley Forge

by Dr. Kenneth D. Wells

I am more privileged than I can tell you to be invited to give the sermon on Layman's Day. My feelings of inadequacy in this pulpit overcome me. I stand here so deeply aware of my shortcomings, so mentally and spiritually quieted in this beautiful church. My duties as President of Freedom's Foundation have taken me to many public platforms in every state in our beloved country. Never have I so wished I might, as a child of God, speak usefully, clearly in His word, as now before you, my neighbors and friends.

In the past two years I have seen this church grow, in membership, in spirit and in facilities.

How wonderfully pleased the patriots would be who laid these stone walls 135 years ago.

Have you considered those men whose hands and hearts and their womenfolk, who built this house for God's services? They lived at Valley Forge when the father of our country was here. Today, as the rustle of autumn leaves in their sunshine packaged beauty comes into our meeting place I can find no words clear enough with full enough meaning to convey my affection and regard for Dr. and Mrs. Rörve. Here is a man — a man of business, who at middle life started a second career — the career of the ministry. We are all blessed with his presence at Valley Forge.

Our worship service together have still only one memory. The simple walk of the Sanctuary, its very shape, bring to mind my visit to the new chapel built this year in the Capitol Building of the country. In Washington, I was privileged to be the first non-member of Congress to enter there in the company of the eminent and revered Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U. S. Senate. There, in a stained glass window, is the only symbol of our country, of our land of God and freedom, on which all Americans could agree.

It was George Washington at prayer at Valley Forge.

Prayer was his great weapon and his channel of strength. From this pulpit now I can look out of the copse of woods where he may well have prayed.

Last evening I walked around Valley Forge and looked out over the rolling hills, saw the high peaks that are in the center of the Park and Mt. Misery, and Mt. Joy. It took me in mind's eye back to those days of 1777 and 1778 when that tired army came to Valley Forge after many defeats at Germantown, Paoli, Whittemarsh, after difficulties of all kind.

When Washington brought those 11,000 plus men there, many staggering, under fever, many limping with wounds in their feet and legs and bodies, their few horses were unable to do more than pull their own weight. — their weapons were in difficult condition, ammunition virtually gone, food nonexistent — and here was a man, George Washington, the Father of our country, who came to Valley Forge, placed his back toward the Schuylkill River, and defended by the small gorge of the valley stream, struggle on a long chance to accomplish his mission for you and for his.

Americans sometimes forget what that mission was, because

he placed that ragged group, weary and tired men who wanted to go home to the loving arms of their families, between what was left of that Continental Congress, then meeting in York and Lancaster and that tremendous force of British in Philadelphia.

He had no military reason to do this.

He could not meet the Redcoats and win.

It was a seemingly hopeless gesture — it was as one of his contemporaries said: "Insanity embodied in a cloak."

But Washington knew more than that. He had faith and determination and will and commitment to what is right, and his prayers to the Lord Almighty would indeed win through when others of faint heart would quit. The British were concerned with things, with the dancing and the fancy foods and the great happiness of occupation life in Philadelphia. They were too far removed in their thinking of what was right. What was the result? Quite simple — Washington and his men, sustained by prayers to the Almighty, carried us through that winter.

It was the greatest crisis and the blackest time of American life.

It is proper today that 2,033 acres of hallowed land be the center of great pilgrimages of American people. This commonwealth park, unmarked with garish monuments, but a quiet sentinel for American freedom. Beautifully maintained by a commission of able citizens of our state, the park has supplied through these years the inspiration that has kept lots of Americans going on and on in their faith in the Republic.

Yes, it was in February, of 1778, just three months after Washington had arrived at Valley Forge, that Martha came from Mt. Vernon to celebrate his birthday, on Feb. 22.

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November 1, 1956
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

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It was that time of the greatest despair and greatest distress.

Not Legend alone but the genuine history of our country shows that Washington went to his knees in prayer, not once but many times. There he gave his allegiance to his God. There he sought that strength, that only strength of mankind. On the walls of Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge hangs a great picture of Washington at prayer. How much I wish we knew its origin. It's old, and it's faded, and on the first day of Freedom's Foundation's establishing its national headquarters there in 1949, an elderly gentleman came upon the porch of the main executive house, and said:

"I have just read the purposes of Freedom's Foundation in the Philadelphia papers, and I have here something which has come down through four generations of my family. I do not know its origin, but I do know that it belongs here, for you are attempting to find a path to the central meaning of Washington at Valley Forge."

Underneath that great painting, Washington at Valley Forge, is this prayer: "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy Holy protection. That thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and

obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally, that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion. And without a humble imitation we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication we beseech thee through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

Let no one who has been to Valley Forge from those days till now

Spiritual Strength

— the same yesterday,
today and tomorrow

Pilgrims, citizens of the community, workers of this land, never in the slightest believe that they have a right to say they are like Washington and his associates. We are not even for a moment able to compare ourselves to those men, but THERE ISN'T ANY REASON WHY WE CAN'T BELIEVE IN WHAT THEY BELIEVED.

Men through the whole period of life, from 1777 to now, in this Republic have gone out and willingly given their lives in struggle that this nation might live.

There are ladies in this church whose sons are not at home today to meet them because they lie in foreign battlefields, and have paid the highest price there is to be

called an American.

There are others of you, whose sons and nephews and friends, with boys in veterans' hospitals who may always remain in those hospitals because of the casualties of war. They knew what they were doing, and they didn't quit when the going was difficult and tough. They in their way were holding off enemies, that this service might be held here this morning, and it is the same with young fellows who are on the great battle-wagons of the American Navy today in the Pacific, and in the Mediterranean, and in the South Atlantic. The same for men who are on weather ships, stationed out on the stormy north Atlantic today.

It is the same for young men, scarcely boys, just fellows growing up, who are standing with M1's in their hands alongside of atomic cannon in Europe.

There are other men working in the cold and snow having already built 18,000 miles of road in desolate land, for a great radar protective line all across the northern part of Canada.

Why are they there, in those shacks? Why are they there, in these desolate places? They are there to permit this service to happen, to permit Americans to live like Americans.

Yes, and there are boys in Alaska and 64 countries of the world spread more completely than the whole

history of any nation in recorded experience.

Why? Because there is an idea — the great idea of America! The great idea of human life, the freedom concept which they protect and espouse!

What is this idea of freedom? Why are men at their posts in these distant places? Why are picket ships all over the Atlantic, 2000 miles at sea, enormous airplanes with extra-wing-tip gas tanks, huge radar assemblies protruding high above the fuselage, flying back and forth, back and forth, watching, watching, watching?

Because our way of life is under

There is no equivocation about our Foundation's Credo. It states in the clearest and ringing phrases the fundamentals of the American nation.

Yes, Freedom's Foundation holds that it is the responsibility of every American citizen to help maintain the American Way of Life as it is articulated in this Credo and pass it intact to succeeding generations.

It is interesting that just two weeks from now (Oct. 14) that the ninth annual awards jury convenes at Valley Forge with 12 Chief Justices of State Supreme Courts, and the heads of national organizations. There in that historic setting, I think we all reflect at great length as we work with all vigor on the significance of the Credo of Freedom's Foundation. It is really not the Foundation's Credo, for its adoption throughout the nation has been so great that it now surely is America's Credo. It has been approved in writing by over 220 Chief and Associate Justices of State Supreme Courts. We believe that the Foundation's Credo confronts free men everywhere where the diametric opposite of militant imperialist world socialistic communism.

We can't start talking about America, we can't talk about any of our founding fathers, we can't even talk about our great documents, the greatest of all, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. In each instance we say that religious faith is the touchstone for our belief in the dignity of the individual.

The sacredness of the human spirit are today Christian ideals, and from a well spring that undergirds our homes, our schools and our communities.

Spiritual values govern the way we live. They are all we have.

The way we conduct ourselves comes entirely from them. These truths which we hold to be self-evident are as fundamental to the free system and to the development of a free economy as they were at the time of Washington and his men wearily marching to Valley Forge. Nowadays, the validity of anything we hold dear is challenged by this godless doctrine of socialism. Everywhere the principles of Marxism and Leninism are conducting a relentless campaign to destroy us. They deny that man is a child of God. They

Text:
Galatians

Stand fast therefore in the liberty where
in Christ has made you free, and be not
entangled again in the yoke of bondage.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11-20-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT:

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 For a number of years, I have known Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Wells, in fact, was the originator and spark plug behind Freedoms Foundation. He has always been friendly toward the Bureau.

With the attached letter, he sent a copy of "The Valley Forge Sentinel" wherein he discusses the subject of communism and quotes the Director. It is rather interesting that he approached his discourse on the menace of communism from a spiritual sense and did an exceedingly good job. He also sent me a copy of a letter from a foster son stationed in Germany which is a bitter denunciation of the Soviet. The Director might be interested in reading it.

A proposed letter is attached for the Director's signature.

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Dr. Kenneth D. Wells
President
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Wells:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 19, 1956, with enclosure, in which you so cordially invited me to speak and be your guest on February 22, 1957, when your principal awards are given.

I am indeed honored by your thoughtful gesture, and I certainly wish I could be with you, but I am precluded from doing so by the extremely heavy pressure of my official duties, coupled with the uncertainty of my schedule. I trust you can understand my position in this regard.

May I take this occasion to extend best wishes for every success in connection with your program.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Dr. Kenneth Wells has corresponded cordially with us and we have had cordial relationships with the Freedoms Foundation. The Director was also asked to participate in this program last year, and Dr. Wells was informed the uncertainty of the Director's commitments precluded him from accepting.

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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

November 19, 1956.

KENNETH D. WELLS
PRESIDENT

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
| Mr. Nichols | ✓ |
| Mr. Boardman | ✓ |
| Mr. Belmont | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr | ✓ |
| Mr. Parsons | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen | ✓ |
| Mr. Tamm | ✓ |
| Mr. Nease | ✓ |
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| Mr. Holloman | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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① Freedoms Foundation
Valley Forge, Pa.

It is my privilege in behalf of the Trustees of Freedoms Foundation to extend this special invitation to you. We are presenting the Foundation's principal awards at Valley Forge on February 22, 1957. We invite you to be our honored guest for the occasion; and presentor of the principal awards. A fifteen minute address is in order for radio, television and newspapers.

Last year Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Radford was our distinguished guest, and other years President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon and General Omar Bradley have been among our principal presentors, since 1949.

I attach a list of our distinguished awards jury arriving this coming Sunday evening. Through the following week they will make the decisions of our awards recipients.

It is a distinguished group. The results will be excellent. The awards will be outstanding.

This world is in turmoil. Your leadership, by example, has carried all of us through many difficult times and questions. Here at Valley Forge General Washington met his sternest test. He was surrounded by his own Washington Life Guard. Their dedication to the ideals of our country and his leadership brought us through. We will give every emphasis to the Father of our Country on February 22nd with the principles which have made our country great. We both want you and need you on that great occasion. Your message will be taken to the far corners of this Nation by every means.

May I add my own personal invitation and warm regards?

Faithfully yours,

Kenneth D. Wells

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1956 NATIONAL AWARDS JURY

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Supreme Court of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

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Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Chief Justice
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Tallahassee, Florida

Honorable Frederick Landis
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana

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Associate Justice
Supreme Court of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi

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Associate Justice
Supreme Court of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Honorable John B. Fournet
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Honorable E. D. Roberts
Chief Justice
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Pierre, South Dakota

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Associate Justice
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Montgomery, Alabama

Honorable Daniel K. Sadler
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Honorable G. Grimson
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of North Dakota
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Chief Justice
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Little Rock, Arkansas

Honorable Roland J. Steinle
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

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ENCLOSURE

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THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

POLITICAL AND
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which protect the dignity and
freedom of the individual.

Right to worship God in
one's own way.

Right to free speech and
press.

Right to assemble.

Right to petition for griev-
ances.

Right to privacy in our
homes.

Right of habeas corpus—
no excessive bail.

Right to trial by jury—in-
nocent till proved guilty.

Right to move about freely
at home and abroad.

Right to own private prop-
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Right to work in callings
and localities of our choice.

Right to bargain with our
employers.

Right to go into business,
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Right to bargain for goods
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Right to contract about our
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Right to the service of gov-
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Right to freedom from
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CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

designed to

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FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF IN GOD

Credo of Freedoms Foundation

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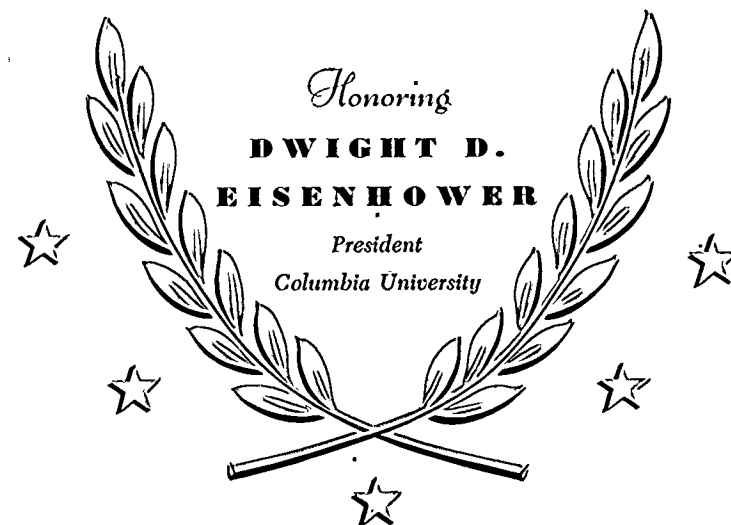
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1949

NATIONAL AWARDS



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FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

Honored FIRST PLACE Winners

AWARDS FOR 1949



CHARLES FRANCIS COE, *Palm Beach Post-Times*
 "Be It Known"—*Editorial*

ROGER BUTTERFIELD, *The Saturday Evening Post*
 "Nobody Liked It but the People"—*Magazine Article*

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY
 "The Greatest Story Ever Told"—*Radio Program*

THE TIMKEN ROLLER BEARING COMPANY
 "Plant City Advertising"—*Advertising Campaign*

CLUETT, PEABODY & Co., INC.
 "Enterprise"—*16 mm Movie*

BRADFORD SMITH AND DAN HEILMAN
 "American Adventure"—*Cartoon Strip*

EDWARD D. KUEKES, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*
 "The Qualifying Steps"—*Cartoon*

DR. FRANKLIN B. SNYDER, *President Emeritus, Northwestern University*
 "Charge to the Graduating Class"—*Commencement Address (College)*

JOHN DODSON, *West View High School, West View, Penna.*
 "The Lesson of Esau"—*Commencement Address (High School)*

REV. MILTON M. MCGORRILL, D.D., *Orono, Maine*
 "The Challenge to Our Way of Life"—*Sermon*

LOCAL #9 (R.C.I.A.) (A.F.L.), *Wanamaker's Department Store*
 "Liberty"—*Union Publication*

U. S. ARMED FORCES EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DIVISION
 "Armed Forces Talks"—*Series*

B. C. FORBES PUBLISHING COMPANY
 "Nation's Heritage"—*Publication*

CLUETT, PEABODY & Co., INC.
 "Supervisory Training Program"

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
 "It's Fun to Live in America"—*Educational Series*

JUDGE HAROLD R. MEDINA
 "Outstanding Judicial Administration"

HOWARD REYNOLDS
 "Speak Up for Freedom"—*Song*

JACKIE ROBINSON
 "Testimony Before Un-American Activities Committee (House of Representatives)"

F. A. WIRT
 "Which Road America"—*Educational Brochure*

BISHOP PUBLISHING Co.
 "American Economic System"—*Posters*

MRS. RUTH MILLS
 Homemaker's "Recipe for Freedom"



NOVEMBER 21, 1949

11:00 MORNING CEREMONIES—VALLEY Forge PARK

Welcome to General Dwight D. Eisenhower by Park Commission and Foundation Officials

Tour of Park, including
 Washington's Headquarters, Waterman's Monument,
 site of Washington's Marquee, Valley Forge Museum

12:15 LUNCHEON—AWARD RECIPIENTS AND GUESTS

Freedoms Foundation National Headquarters

1:45 DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Invocation by John Robbins Hart, Ph.D., Rector of Washington Memorial Chapel

National Anthem by Valley Forge Military Academy Band
 Formation of Honor Guard

Freedoms Foundation Flag: Presented by the Americanism Commission of the American Legion

Pledge of Allegiance

Placing of Award-Winning Material in "Freedom Capsule" at base of flag pole

2:15 AWARD CEREMONIES

Introduction of Freedoms Foundation Directors

Presentation of General Dwight D. Eisenhower by Foundation Trustees: E. F. Hutton, Don Belding, Kenneth Dale Wells

Presentation of Awards and Honor Medals by General Eisenhower

Announcement of Freedoms Foundation 1950 Award Programs

Benediction

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Mr. Nichols

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H. A. Jones

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, INC.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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BACKGROUND:

In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated December 7, 1956, you advised that Dr. Kenneth Wells, Executive Director of Freedoms Foundation, Inc., had called you on December 6, 1956, to advise that the Awards Jury consisted of 15 Chief Justices of State Supreme Courts and a number of college presidents and they had completed two weeks' study of nominations and had arrived at two conclusions:

(1) The top award is the George Washington award and for the first time this year this award will carry with it a \$5,000 grant along with a gold medal which is to be struck off and is to be limited to granting not more than three in any one decade.

(2) The Awards Jury was unanimous in designating the Director to receive the George Washington award for 1956. The award will be made at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, at noon on Friday, February 22, 1957, in a half-hour program which will be covered by the four television networks and the press.

Wells advised you they would like the Director to make a fifteen-minute acceptance speech on any subject of his choosing such as the challenges to America, America and its youth or whatever would be appropriate. You pointed out that Wells had already received the Director's declination of presenting the awards on February 22. He was so happy over the action of the Awards Jury that he called you immediately with the hope that something could be worked out so the Director could be present to accept the award. You advised Wells this might present some problems but that you would take the matter up with the Director at the earliest opportunity and we would advise him. You suggested that you would tell Wells that the Director would try to readjust his schedule and that you would give him some definite word by the time the Director receives a formal notification.

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, INC.:

Origin, Purpose and Aims of Freedoms Foundation, Inc.:

According to an article which appeared in the New York Times on June 2, 1949, a new organization known as Freedoms Foundation, Inc., had been incorporated under New York State Charter for the purpose of making annual awards for outstanding contributions to a better understanding of the American

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way of life. The article stated headquarters would be at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and the organization would be a completely independent body and its sole activity would be the making of awards. It was to be nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpolitical and open to membership of every American wishing to join. According to the organization's statement of principle in its charter, it has been formed to build and create an understanding of the spirit and philosophy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and our "bundle" of indivisible political and economic freedoms inherent in the American way of life.

The first awards were presented the year the organization came into being in 1949 and Dwight D. Eisenhower, then President of Columbia University, was the honored guest and distributed the awards. The credo of Freedoms Foundation, Inc., is contained on all its publications, stationery, etc. For the Director's further information, the 1949 program is attached and the reverse side of this sets forth this credo in detail.

Bureau Relations With Freedoms Foundation, Inc.:

We have had extensive and cordial relations with Freedoms Foundation, Inc., since its inception in 1949. Most of this contact has been through the Executive Director, Kenneth Wells, who is well known to you.

In a letter dated July 6, 1949, Kenneth Dale Wells, Executive Director of Freedoms Foundation, set forth the following summary concerning his group: "It is a genuine effort to do a nonpartisan, educational job, using a vehicle which has never been tried in this country, mainly inspiring the American people, whoever they are, wherever they may be, regardless of race, creed, color, or the cards they carry in their pockets, to really use their creative abilities and their personal articulation to sell and tell America's story. The activity indicates that it will inspire tens of thousands of inquiries for the awards and a great swelling volume of people who very cautiously and thoughtfully, but affirmatively, tell the story of our liberty and freedom."

In February, 1949, Wells called at the Bureau to see the Director and in the latter's absence spoke with you. He stated he was interested in having the Director resign from the Bureau to manage the Foundation. Wells was requested to submit some material concerning his group to the Bureau. Among material submitted was information to the effect that President Dwight D. Eisenhower presided at the 1949 ceremony.

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Wells met you twice and subsequently began referring to you in correspondence as a personal friend. In 1950, he requested the Director to present the Foundation awards on October 28, 1950. The Director declined. On February 17, 1951, Wells requested the Director to be guest at ceremonies in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on February 22, 1951, and to present the 1951 awards in October. The Director declined both by wire.

In June, 1951, you accepted a Freedoms Foundation award in behalf of the Director, the awards having been given at that time at the Old Supreme Court Building. At that time, approximately fifty awards were given, including one to the Attorney General. This award was given to the Director for his article "Foe to Freedom."

In September of 1951, Wells came to the Director's Office and was referred to Mr. McGuire. At that time, he said that the Board of Directors of Freedoms Foundation would like very much to have Mr. Hoover on the Washington's birthday program in February of 1952 at Valley Forge on the occasion of the presentation of the annual awards made by the Foundation. This invitation was declined by our letter of September 27, 1951.

Literature of the organization in Bufiles indicates that awards are given to individuals who exemplify the principles of the Foundation as set forth in its credo. In 1949, awards were given for such things as best editorial, magazine article, radio program, motion picture, advertising campaign, cartoon strip, commencement address, sermon, publication, song, educational brochure, "recipe for freedom" and "outstanding judicial administration."

By letter dated February 20, 1953, Wells advised the Director had been awarded the Freedoms Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal for his article "Civil Liberties and Law Enforcement: The Role of the FBI." His letter was cordially acknowledged on February 24, 1953, and the Director advised him that he was flattered to learn that he had been chosen. You accepted this award in behalf of the Director on April 2, 1953, in the Old Supreme Court Building. You pointed out that at the time Wells was very high in his praise of the Director and the Bureau. In a private conversation with you, Wells advised that for several years Freedoms Foundation had wanted to establish a shrine or memorial in Washington. He said Herbert Hoover had recently agreed to serve as honorary chairman and that he was hoping that sometime in the future when he was in Washington he could meet the Director.

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In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated April 29, 1953, you pointed out that Wells in a letter had enclosed the remarks of President Eisenhower at the Board of Director's Meeting of Freedoms Foundation, Inc., December 22, 1952. Wells also advised you that Herbert Hoover was recently named honorary national president of Freedoms Foundation, Inc. You also pointed out that Freedoms Foundation had expanded tremendously in recent years and is the only organization on a national basis singling out individuals for recognition in the fight for freedom against communism.

On July 27, 1953, W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Vice President of Awards of Freedoms Foundation, Inc., stopped by the Director's Office with a framed copy of the Distinguished Service Citation of the All American Conference to Combat Communism. This was the one the Director had received earlier in the year which the organization had requested back in order that it could be appropriately framed for the Director. The Director cordially thanked Sawyer in a letter dated July 29, 1953.

In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated October 31, 1953, you pointed out that you had seen Wells the previous day. Wells left with you a letter inviting the Director to present the Freedoms Foundation awards on the occasion of its annual ceremony at Valley Forge on February 22, 1954, and to make the one and only address of from fifteen to twenty minutes. You pointed out the President made these awards in 1949 and 1952 and that the presentations would include only the top twenty awards which would be selected by the awards committee. You stated they were most anxious to have the Director. This invitation was cordially declined by letter dated November 4, 1953.

In the letter to the Director dated October 27, 1953, referred to above, Wells pointed out that the distinguished presenters of Freedoms Foundation awards had been:

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| President Dwight D. Eisenhower | 1949 |
| Dr. Robert L. Johnson (School Awards) | 1950 |
| General of the Armies Omar N. Bradley | 1951 |
| Dr. Robert A. Millikan | 1952 |
| Vice President Richard M. Nixon | 1953 |

Subsequent correspondence from Wells indicated that Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower presented the awards in 1954.

By letter dated March 19, 1954, to the Director, Wells pointed out that the Credo of the American Way of Life had been reproduced to more than four hundred million copies since 1949. In cooperation with the Boy Scouts it was

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placed in over thirty million homes and it has been approved as an American symbol by 165 Chief and Associate Justices of State Supreme Courts throughout the land, who constitute the National Committee for the Freedom Shrine. Wells said a national project to erect this Credo in large monument form in Washington, D. C., would be announced March 25, 1954. General Omar N. Bradley was chairman of the national commission on making the announcement. Wells invited the Director to be guest at a small select group of distinguished citizens at a dinner the evening of March 25, 1954, at which time this project would be announced. The dinner would be in the private dining room of the Departmental Auditorium in Washington, D. C. The invitation was cordially declined by telegram dated March 23, 1954.

On October 7, 1954, Wells contacted you and stated that he thought the article, "The Communists Are After Our Minds," which appeared in the October issue of American magazine under the Director's by-line was one of the best pieces on the subject that he had ever seen and that Freedoms Foundation wanted to put between thirty and forty thousand copies of the article in the hands of leading educators. You referred him to Sumner Blossom, Editor of American magazine.

By letter dated October 21, 1954, Wells thanked the Director for permitting Freedoms Foundation to reprint the article and assured him it would be given the widest possible national distribution.

On September 18, 1954, SA Bernard M. Suttler spoke to a representative group of youngsters and teachers who were meeting at Valley Forge. "Tom" Sawyer wrote you a personal letter in which he expressed appreciation for Mr. Suttler's appearance.

In January, 1955, Wells called on you and again invited the Director to present the awards on February 22, 1955. You told him the Director could not do this in view of other commitments and he then contemplated asking Herbert Hoover, Jr. By letter dated March 2, 1955, Wells referred to the Director's article, "The Communists Are After Our Minds," originally published in American magazine in October, 1954, which they had circulated in great quantity. He requested permission to publish in posters some of the statements made in this article or to have a new statement. Under cover of a letter dated March 10, 1955, the following statement was forwarded to him for use on posters:

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"The Communists are today intent on destroying our American way of life. Their weapons are deceit, hypocrisy and stealth. The obligation of every patriotic citizen is to remain eternally vigilant - to stand up for the ideals of justice, freedom and equality which have made this Nation great. Communism can be defeated. It is everybody's job."

In April, 1955, the Director was invited to be present at the Old Supreme Court Chambers, Senate Wing of the Capitol, to receive the Freedoms Foundation award for which he was selected because of his article "The Communists Are After Our Minds."

By letter dated May 9, 1955, Wells was advised that a prior commitment would make it impossible for the Director to attend. You accepted in the Director's behalf.

By letter dated August 5, 1955, Wells requested that the Director make a 3 and one-half to four-minute tape recording of the high lights of his article entitled "The Communists Are After Our Minds" to be broadcast over the ABC Radio Network and the Armed Forces Radio Service. His letter was acknowledged by an in-absence letter dated August 10, 1955, and we did not accept this invitation.

In a memorandum to you and Mr. Tolson dated November 15, 1955, the Director advised that he had talked telephonically with Sid Richardson in Ft. Worth, Texas. Richardson stated he had been urged by the Freedoms Foundation, Inc., to ask the Director to present the awards on February 22, 1956. The Director told Mr. Richardson that he knew this organization and had received an award from it but had not received correspondence concerning the invitation Richardson referred to. Richardson stated he thought this was a very worthwhile foundation and that he, Clint Murchison, and another individual helped to underwrite the foundation at \$25,000 apiece a year for five years and the five-year period was up the previous year. He said they had to help the foundation out of the red last year and were going to do the same thing the current year. He indicated they had something worked out with the President of U. S. Steel whereby they would put out a brochure and try to raise \$750,000 over a five-year period. Richardson thought the foundation was doing a terrific job and urged the Director to accept the invitation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 10, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (67-367)

DATE: December 19, 1956

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LT. GEN. MILTON G. BAKER
Commandant, VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY,
Wayne, Pa.

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, INC., Valley Forge, Pa.

RECOMMENDATION THAT DIRECTOR RECEIVE AWARD
AS OUTSTANDING AMERICAN

While talking with Lieutenant General BAKER of the VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY, on Thursday, December 13, General BAKER confidentially informed Agent ROBERT E. MASTERS that in his capacity as a member of the Board of Directors of FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, he had recommended that the Director be designated as a recipient of an award which is being set up to be given to the outstanding American of the year, which consists of a gold medal and \$5,000 cash.

General BAKER indicated that while he has never met the Director, he has followed very closely the Director's leadership of the FBI, has always held him in the greatest esteem, and is convinced that the Director merits consideration for this high distinction.

The above is submitted for the Director's information.

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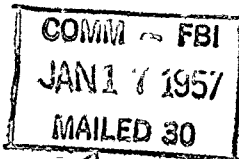
PH
Mr. Richard H. Foltz
Vice President - Public Relations
Freedom's Foundation, Inc.
Valley Forge Road
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Foltz:

In line with our conversation when
Ken Wells and you were in Washington, I am enclosing
one-half dozen copies of the Director's photograph.

I enjoyed seeing both Ken and you and
Mr. Hoover is looking forward to being with you on
February 22.

Sincerely yours,



L. B. Nichols

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cc-Mr. Jones (detached)
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Foundation Awards, February 22, at Valley Forge, prepared
by LBN:jmr)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 19, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

SUBJECT: VALLEY FORGE SPEECH

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Freedom Foundations

Reference is made to your discussion with Mr. Rogers of the Department during which mention was made of the "watchdog" responsibility being assigned to Harold H. Healy, Jr., Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, who should clear statements having an impact abroad. You felt that we should ask Fred Mullen to give Healy copies of the Director's Valley Forge speech when we make available copies to Mullen.

It is also felt that we should send copies of the speech to individuals on the Special Correspondents' List and to the Field Offices.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That on Wednesday, February 20, we furnish copies of the Valley Forge Speech to Fred Mullen and request him to give copies to Healy.

2. That on Thursday, February 21, copies be sent to individuals on the Special Correspondents' List.

3. That also on February 20, we send six copies without cover letter to each of the Field Offices.

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Re: 78.

The Attorney General

February 21, 1957

Director, FBI

o
Freedom's Foundation

Attached is a copy of my address entitled "~~The~~ American Ideal" which will be delivered tomorrow in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. I thought you would be interested in seeing it.

My
Enclosure

cc: Mr. William P. Rogers (with copy of enclosure) *My*
Deputy Attorney General

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February 25, 1957

Mr. Don Belding
Chairman of the Board
⑥ Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Belding:

I wanted to send you this note to tell you how much I appreciated the courtesies which you and your associates extended to Mr. Tolson and to me at the Freedoms Foundation ceremonies at Valley Forge last Friday. It was a distinct pleasure to be able to participate in these most impressive ceremonies.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

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Procedure For Public Announcement
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○ FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

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Mr. Tolson

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Mr. Tamm

Mr. Holloman

Miss Gandy

See Me

Note and Return

Prepare Reply

For Your Recommendation

What are the facts?

Remarks:

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February 25, 1957

Mr. Roger S. Firestone
Rock Creek and Muirfield Roads
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Dear Roger:

I enjoyed seeing you last Friday at the
Freedoms Foundation ceremonies and I am only
sorry that we did not have an opportunity for a
longer visit.

I thought the Freedoms Foundation
ceremonies were most impressive and I was very
glad to be able to participate, as well as highly
honored by being designated to receive the George
Washington Award.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

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February 25, 1957

Major General Harlan N. Hartness
Executive Vice President
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear General Hartness:

I want you to know that it was indeed a pleasure to be able to participate in the Freedoms Foundation ceremonies last Friday, and to thank you for your many courtesies during my visit at Valley Forge.

It was a great honor to me to be selected as the recipient of the George Washington Award.

Sincerely,

W. J. Edgeborough

~~cc-SAC, Philadelphia~~

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February 25, 1957

Mr. Gunnar Back
American Broadcasting Company, Inc.
4461 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Back:

I enjoyed seeing you last Friday at the
Freedoms Foundation ceremonies at Valley Forge
and am sorry that my commitments were such
that it was not possible for me to participate in
a radio interview following the ceremonies.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

~~cc SAC, Philadelphia~~

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February 25, 1957

Dr. Kenneth D. Wells
President
O Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Wells:

I wanted you to know how appreciative I am of the hospitality which you extended to Mr. Tolson and to me during our visit at Valley Forge last Friday.

I considered it a very high honor to be selected to receive the George Washington Award, and I am also grateful to you for your kind words of introduction preliminary to my address. I also appreciated being designated as the first recipient of the Teachers Award. The awards presentation ceremonies were most impressive and I was certainly pleased to be able to be present.

Also, I am most grateful to Mrs. Wells for her hospitality at the time of my visit.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. J. Edgar Hoover

cc SAC, Philadelphia

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Mr. Richard H. Foltz
Vice President
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Foltz:

I wanted you to know how much I appreciated the courtesies which you extended to Mr. Tolson and to me in connection with the ceremonies of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on February 22nd. mc

It was indeed a pleasure to be able to participate in the proceedings.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 13, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: FREEDOM FOUNDATION
FEBRUARY 22, SPEECH

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For record purposes, I showed Fred Mullen a draft of the Director's speech at Valley Forge. He thought it was excellent and that it should make considerable impact, that the content and presentation were effective, and that he wanted to give it full dissemination treatment and wanted to have copies when they were available. I told him we would be glad to take care of this for him.

cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 7, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

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Pa
 Dr. Kenneth Wells, the Executive Director of the Freedom's Foundation, called me Thursday afternoon, 12-6-56, to advise that the awards jury, consisting of 15 chief justices of state supreme courts and a number of college presidents, had completed two weeks' study of nominations and had arrived at two conclusions:

(1) The top award is the George Washington Award and for the first time this year this Award will carry with it a \$5,000 grant along with a gold medal which is to be struck off and is to be limited to granting not more than three- in any one decade.

(2) The awards jury was unanimous in designating the Director to receive the George Washington Award for 1956. The award will be made at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, at noon on Friday, February 22, in a half hour program which will be covered by the four television networks and the press.

Ken told me that they would like for the Director to make a 15-minute acceptance speech on any subject of his choosing, such as the challenges to America, America and its youth, or whatever would be appropriate. Wells, of course, had received the Director's declination of presenting the awards on February 22. He was so happy over the action of the awards jury that he called me immediately with the hope that something could be worked out so that the Director could be present to accept the Award.

I told Wells that this might present some problems but that I would take the matter up with the Director at the earliest opportunity and we would get back to him.

It seems to me that this is a much-deserved recognition and I earnestly hope that the Director can see fit to accept it and I will guarantee that if it is the last thing that I ever do, that appropriate remarks will be submitted in ample time.

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It is suggested that I tell Wells that the Director will try to readjust his schedule and that I will be able to give him some definite word by the time he receives a formal notification.

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 cc-Mr. Jones

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I agree
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① FREEDOM'S FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

December 20, 1956.

KENNETH D. WELLS
PRESIDENT

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are delighted to know you will be present to receive the Foundation's highest award on Washington's Birthday. I have so advised our principal Directors and Trustees. They are gathering here from all points of the country for the occasion.

I will keep in touch with Mr. Nichols on any essential details.

Cordial regards.

Faithfully yours,

Kenneth D. Wells

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 16, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARDS,
FEBRUARY 22, AT VALLEY FORGE

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Pa.
D.C. Dr. Kenneth Wells, the President of Freedoms Foundation, and his public relations representative, a Mr. Richard Foltz, came in to see me to discuss their plans for the February 22 meeting. As accommodations are somewhat limited at Freedoms Foundation, there is not a mass meeting as such but the whole meeting is set up and geared to disseminate the proceedings through mass media. There are no facilities for live television although the proceedings will be covered by television camera crews and the film will be used on television programs. The one-half hour of the proceedings from 2 to 2:30 P.M. will be covered live on radio. NBC is going to do a major job, as is ABC. CBS will probably use portions of the proceedings on the night of February 22 and television will be used as newscasts that night and on the following Sunday. These plans are presently being worked out by the networks.

They inquired as to whether an advance copy of the Director's address would be available. I told them that this was a matter which would be determined by events and it would be impossible at this time to state exactly when the text of the Director's remarks would be available. They pointed out that due to the major job which they contemplate doing that it would be helpful to them if they could have the text of the Director's remarks as early as 10 days ahead of time, which would be February 12. I told them that it was doubtful the Director would have the speech ready at this time; for example, they stated that Ben Hibbs of the Saturday Evening Post wanted to do a major piece on the 1956 awards in the issue of the Saturday Evening Post which goes on the newsstands Tuesday, February 26, that they would need this several days in advance, and the further in advance they could get it the better spread they would get from the Saturday Evening Post and others. I told the two they would just have to wait, that I knew the Director would want to cooperate to his fullest extent and would make the text available as soon as he possibly could.

We can do this but we will have to change the speech as E.P. Conv. is on the 12th.

Wells left with me the attached outline of what they contemplate doing, which is quite an ambitious program, and the entire focus of this year's Freedoms Foundation Award will be directed at the Director. Wells suggested

Enclosure

cc-Mr. Holloman

Mr. Jones

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
Re: Freedoms Foundation Awards, February 22, at Valley Forge

that if the Director's remarks could be timed in the neighborhood of 14 minutes that this would be excellent for a 15-minute television program and a 15-minute radio program in addition to the half-hour program that will be live from 2 to 2:30. There will be approximately 200 people in attendance. These will be members of the Board of Directors, the Awards Committee, and officials; for example, there will be 20 Supreme Court Justices from the various states present.

Proceedings start with a Board of Directors meeting at 10 A. M. This is primarily designed to give the press and photographers an opportunity to get photographs of local award winners and others who are present. They would like to have the Director arrive at approximately 11:30 A. M. The Director is to go to the Main Executive House at Valley Forge, which is the headquarters of the Freedoms Foundation. They will get the photographers out of the way from 11:30 to 12 and give the Director an opportunity to meet the guests. Shortly before 12, the guests and the group go to "Bull Tavern" for lunch. There will be a brief session here; it will be closed; there will be no speeches; there will merely be introductions. After lunch, at approximately 1:30, there is the flag-raising, which is a colorful event, and at 1:40 P. M. the ceremonies start. The ceremonies are held in the auditorium of Freedoms Foundation, which is an old barn that has been made over into an auditorium. They have good presentation facilities here, which includes a lectern platform, good acoustics, and so forth. The place, of course, is heated and is comfortable. There are loud-speakers and there are usually some 5,000 people on the outside who listen to the proceedings over the loud-speakers. The Director will be introduced at approximately 2:05 P. M. and the award will be presented to him. The Director responds and, following the Director's presentation and response, a second award will be presented to Walt Disney. A few of the other award winners will be introduced. The important awards this year, in addition to the Director, go to Tom Horner, an editorial writer for the Akron Beacon Journal, Kiwanis International, a Reverend Schulthas of San Jose, California, and one group of Girl Scouts for a program involving citizenship training which they worked out last summer.

Wells stated that if the Director came by train, they would have a car meet the Director either at Wilmington or Philadelphia. I told Wells that this would not be necessary, that the Director's plans were uncertain at this stage and that he would be there shortly before 12, that my suggestion would be the Director planned to arrive about 15 minutes before 12 instead of 11:30. Wells inquired if the

I don't intend to spend 2 hrs there before speaking. I will plan to get there about 2:00 P. M.

H.

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
Re: Freedoms Foundation Awards, February 22, at Valley Forge

Director planned to drive up to Philadelphia that morning or come up the night before. I told him that the Director's plans were uncertain. Wells suggested that the Director give consideration to going to Philadelphia and coming down in the morning because if there is bad weather the Director might have difficulty getting there on time. He stated that the whole proceedings would be over shortly after 2:30 and in no event would they run beyond 3 o'clock.

Wells wanted a half dozen copies of the Director's photograph, which I am sending to Foltz. He further stated that as they got closer to the date he would furnish me with any more additional and up-to-date material.

Major General Harlan Hartness, Executive Vice President of Freedoms Foundation, will be one of the major-domos and Wells told me incidentally that Hartness was pleased beyond words at the Director's designation to receive the award and Hartness wanted to do something to entertain the Director while he was up there. I told him I knew the Director would appreciate this but I did not know what could possibly be done.

✓ *Wells* *H. S.*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 30, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARDS
FEBRUARY 22, VALLEY FORGE

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Ken Wells has been out of town so I talked to Tom Sawyer,
 his executive assistant, today.

I told Tom that the Director's schedule had developed so that it would not be possible for him to arrive at Valley Forge until around 1 P.M. Naturally, they were very disappointed. Tom inquired whether the Director would have had lunch and I told him that they shouldn't worry about this as some provision would be made. Sawyer then stated that since they were scheduled to leave Bull Tavern at 1:15 for the flag raising, the Director should come to the Executive Mansion and they would have people on the grounds so that as soon as the Director entered the grounds their people would direct him to the Executive Mansion and somebody would be there to receive him.

Under these circumstances, I don't see any necessity for the Director to arrive until approximately 1:15; however, as we get closer to the date and the Director's definite plans are worked out, we can then go into this further.

cc-Mr. Holloman
 Mr. Jones
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: February 18, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: ① FREEDOMS FOUNDATION
VALLEY FORGE
FEBRUARY 22 SPEECH

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While talking to Ken Wells late Friday afternoon, he stated that this year they were starting the inauguration of a Teacher's Medal which would be awarded to teachers who, in the classroom, are teaching to preserve the American way of life, that they will make approximately 300 awards of this medal this year.

Since this is a brand new medal, he contemplates on February 22, at some point in the ceremonies when he gets to the Teacher's Medal, to present the Valley Forge Teacher's Medal #1 to the Director for his role in teaching to preserve the American way of life. This will be the first time in the history of Freedoms Foundation where in one day the Foundation has presented two awards to any one. The Director will not be expected to do anything other than "smile" when this award is presented to him. I told Ken that I knew the Director would be very appreciative of his gesture and his thought.

Ken further stated that they have a timetable for running everything and that he hoped the Director could arrive at the executive mansion between 1:05 P.M. and 1:10 P.M. as the ceremonies start at 1:30 and it will take time to get from the mansion to the auditorium. He stated that there will be several state police on the grounds directing traffic and they will all be alerted to be on the lookout for the Director and when he enters Valley Forge they will take him immediately to the executive mansion. Ken also stated that there will be approximately a dozen school children at the ceremonies and that he has had a request to have a photograph taken of the Director with the children. He stated that this will not require any setups or any posing and will take place right at the auditorium. I told him I was certain the Director would not have any objection. He inquired who would be with the Director and I told him the Director would be accompanied by Mr. Tolson and that if anything came up during the ceremonies, he should deal with Mr. Tolson.

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He further told me that Charlie Wilson is going to attend the ceremonies this year and they have him on the program for a one-minute statement. He further told me that they had had one bad experience this year with the awards,

cc-Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

LBN:jmr

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
Re: FREEDOMS FOUNDATION et al

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that within the last 48 hours they had learned that a Lieutenant Thomas Dooley, who had a fantastic career in the Navy and whose accomplishments were outstanding, had been given the choice of either resigning or facing a court-martial on moral charges. They, of course, have withdrawn the award.

Ken further stated that as soon as the speech is received in Valley Forge, that they contemplate printing 42,000 copies. One of the reasons that they asked for the speech ten days ahead of time was to handle the printing and he was wondering if we could furnish him with 3,000 copies to go to the editorial people. I told him that this would be done and since the speech was cleared with Rogers, I arranged to send the 3,000 copies to him Saturday afternoon.

ADDENDUM, LBN:hpf, 2-18-57

I talked to Wells again this morning. He had received the speech and he stated that it was excellent; that it was beautifully done; and that his reaction was that it would have wide press dissemination. I then told him that I wanted to tie down once and for all the exact period of time the Director should speak. He stated that he would like to work his introduction and the Director's remarks into what could be a 15 minute television or radio presentation; as to the live radio it will not matter as they are on for a half hour. He is thinking about television and rebroadcasts.

He will take exactly 60 seconds in the introduction of the Director. He suggested that if the Director could pace his remarks to finish them in 13 1/2 minutes that this would then allow a half minute for an announcer to introduce and sign off. I told him the Director would endeavor to pace himself to finish his remarks in 13 1/2 minutes.

DOCUMENTATION

1. The description of George Washington as "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen" is from the "Eulogy on Washington" by Henry (Light-horse Harry) Lee. (Per "A New Dictionary of Quotations," selected and edited by H. L. Mencken, page 1274.)
2. John Paul Jones said, "I have not yet begun to fight!" in the Battle off Flamborough Head, England, on September 23, 1779, between the British ship Serapis and the American vessel Bonhomme Richard. (Per "The American Treasury, 1455-1955" edited by Clifton Fadiman, page 370.)
3. In his speech from the gallows on September 22, 1776, Nathan Hale said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." (Per "A New Dictionary of Quotations," selected and edited by H. L. Mencken, page 226.)
4. President Woodrow Wilson, in his address to Congress on April 2, 1917, asking a declaration of war against Germany, said, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Per page 495 of "The American Treasury, 1455-1955" edited by Clifton Fadiman)
5. The material prepared by the Domestic Intelligence Division for the 1956 Annual Report states, "...the international communist conspiracy...today controls approximately 40 per cent of the peoples of the earth (900 million people) in seventeen countries and one-fourth of the land surface of the world."
6. The Communist Manifesto was published in 1848. (Per page 354 of "The Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels" with introduction and explanatory by D. Ryazanoff)
7. Despite their claim of having won Czechoslovakia by election, it still is accurate to say that the communists have never won power in any country by the free vote of a majority of the people. Before the election in Czechoslovakia, the Party had so completely infiltrated Czechoslovakia--including the police agencies--that a fair election was out of the question.

8. Page 1 of the November 19, 1956, issue of the "Washington Evening Star" contains an article captioned "'We Will Bury You,' West is told by Khrushchev." This reflects that Khrushchev delivered an anti-West tirade at a Polish Embassy reception on the night of November 18, 1956, which was so bitter that diplomats from the Atlantic alliance nations and Israel left the room. The article quotes Khrushchev as saying, "Whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you."
9. New York Times, 1/18/57, story headed "Khrushchev Bids Reds Copy Stalin In Basic Matters." Here Khrushchev is quoted as follows: "But in the essentials--and the essentials are class interests--God grant that every Communist should be able to fight like Stalin to defend them."
10. As of January, 1957, the Presidium, Central Committee, Communist Party of the Soviet Union consisted of the following 11 persons:

N. S. Bulganin
 L. M. Kaganovich
 N. S. Khrushchev
 A. I. Kirichenko
 G. M. Malenkov
 A. I. Mikoyan
 V. M. Molotov
 M. G. Pervukhin
 M. Z. Saburov
 K. Y. Voroshilov
 M. A. Suslov

All of these persons, except Kirichenko, served on the Presidium under Stalin. Kirichenko entered the Presidium in 1955 and became First Secretary, Communist Party, Ukrainian Republic.

ADDRESS OF J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
AT FREEDOMS FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS,
VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA,
FEBRUARY 22, 1957

THE AMERICAN IDEAL

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ENCLOSURE

*Dr. Wells, Reverend Clergy,
Distinguished guests, Ladies
& gentlemen:*

THIS DAY AND THIS PLACE ARE DEAR TO
THE HEARTS OF ALL TRUE AMERICANS WHO
REALIZE THE MEANING OF THE FREEDOMS WHICH
OUR FOREFATHERS WON FOR US. SO LONG AS
THIS NATION ENDURES, WE PRAY THAT MEN WILL
GATHER--AS WE HAVE TODAY--TO DO HONOR TO
THE MEMORY OF THE MAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON,
WHO WAS "FIRST IN WAR, FIRST IN PEACE AND
FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN."

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS KEPT
ALIVE BY THE DREAMS AND THE GENIUS AND THE
INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.
IN THOSE DARK HOURS HERE AT VALLEY FORGE,
HE AND HIS MEN FANNED THE FLAME OF LIBERTY
TO INSPIRE BY THEIR DETERMINATION OTHERS
WHO HAD LOST HOPE OR HAD GROWN FAINT OF
HEART.

BECAUSE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND HIS
VALIANT MEN, THIS PLACE IS HALLOWED GROUND.

2.

HERE, OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE WAS MADE
SECURE. HERE, OUR OWN "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
STOOD FIRM TO PROTECT OUR INFANT REPUBLIC,
AND REFUSED TO PERMIT THE FORCES OF
TYRANNY TO CRUSH THEIR DREAM.

IT, INDEED, IS FITTING THAT FREEDOMS
FOUNDATION SHOULD BE CENTERED AT VALLEY
FORGE - WHERE THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION
OF OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE WAS ASSURED BY
THE WILLING SACRIFICES OF THOSE BRAVE
MEN TO WHOM LIBERTY WAS DEARER THAN
LIFE. LIBERTY, NOT ALONE FOR THEMSELVES,
BUT FOR THE GENERATIONS WHICH WERE TO
INHERIT THE PRECIOUS FRUITS OF THEIR
SACRIFICES. [THE FOUNDATION'S LOCATION
LENDING EMPHASIS TO ITS PURPOSE -- OF
PASSING ON, THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF ITS
REAL MEANING, THE TORCH OF FREEDOM.]

ant

IN THIS HISTORIC SETTING AND IN THIS
REVERENT ATMOSPHERE, I AM DEEPLY HONORED
TO BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE FREEDOMS
FOUNDATION'S GEORGE WASHINGTON AWARD.

3.

IN HONORING ME, YOU ALSO ARE HONORING THE
LOYAL MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WHO HAVE MADE ITS
ACHIEVEMENTS POSSIBLE.

OUR AMERICA WAS BORN OUT OF THE
YEARNING FOR FREEDOM, THE SAME YEARNING
WHICH ONLY RECENTLY SPURRED HEROIC
HUNGARIANS TO FIGHT ENEMY TANKS WITH
STONES AND HOMEMADE BOMBS. OUR SHORES
HAVE BECOME THE HAVEN OF THE OPPRESSED
AND BECKON TO THOSE IN THE OLD WORLD TO
COME AND TO BE FREE; TO WORSHIP GOD AS
THEY CHOOSE; TO SEEK THE OPPORTUNITIES
WHICH AMERICA OFFERS TO THOSE WHO ARE
WILLING TO WORK AND FIGHT TO PRESERVE A
WAY OF LIFE WHICH GIVES SO MUCH TO SO
MANY.

THE AMERICAN IDEAL IS WOVEN OF A
THOUSAND THINGS.

4.

IT IS WOVEN OF UNFALTERING FAITH IN GOD,
FAITH IN THE DESTINY OF THIS NATION, OF
BATTLES AND OF VALLEY FORGE, AND
GETTYSBURG, AND THE MARNE, AND ANZIO,
AND IWO JIMA. THREADED THROUGH THE
FABRIC IS THE PATIENCE OF A WASHINGTON,
THE WISDOM OF A FRANKLIN, THE HUMILITY OF
A LINCOLN, THE INTEGRITY OF AN EISENHOWER,
THE COURAGE OF AN UNKNOWN SOLDIER, THE
VISION OF A JEFFERSON AND THE SACRIFICE
OF A NATHAN HALE. [IT IS LACED WITH THE
MEMORY OF MEN'S WORDS: "I HAVE NOT YET
BEGUN TO FIGHT!" AND "I ONLY REGRET
THAT I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO LOSE FOR MY
COUNTRY."]

cut

THE AMERICAN IDEAL IS EMBODIED IN
OUR NATION'S INTEGRITY AND HONOR AND IN OUR
HOMES IN WHICH RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF
OTHERS IS TAUGHT BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE.

5.

IT IS PART AND PARCEL OF OUR BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEPTS WHICH RECOGNIZE THAT ALL MEN ARE FREE AND EQUAL, ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH THE UNALIENABLE RIGHTS OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THE AMERICAN IDEAL EMBODIES THE SUM TOTAL OF THE WISDOM, THE COURAGE AND THE SACRIFICES OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS. [ITS FOUNDATION IS THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS.] *cut*

THE AMERICAN IDEAL HAS ITS ROOTS IN RELIGION. WITHOUT ITS RELIGIOUS SANCTION AND INSPIRATION, THE AMERICAN IDEAL WOULD PALE AND WITHER TO EXTINCTION. IT IS THE AMERICAN PRECEPT THAT MEN SHALL LIVE AS EQUALS UNDER A GOVERNMENT BY LAW, WHICH IS EMBODIED IN THE GREATEST OF ALL LAWS:

"...WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO TO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM: FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS." (MATT. 7:12)

6.

FROM THOSE BLEAK DAYS IN VALLEY
FORGE, MEN HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THE
AMERICAN IDEAL. WE KNOW IDEALS CAN BE
PRESERVED ONLY THROUGH ETERNAL VIGILANCE.
OUR OWN IDEAL OF FREEDOM AND OUR WAY OF
LIFE ARE UNDER CEASELESS ATTACK BOTH
FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT. WE FAIL IN
ACHIEVING OUR IDEAL EVERY TIME AN AMERICAN
HOME FAILS BY PRODUCING A JUVENILE
DELINQUENT. THE FAILURE IS THAT OF ADULT
AMERICA. YOUTH NEEDS ONLY TO BE GUIDED
ALONG THE PROPER PATH AND TO BE GIVEN
THE DIRECTION AND TRAINING TO DETERMINE
RIGHT FROM WRONG; GOOD FROM BAD; THE TRUE
FROM THE FALSE; BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF
MAN; BELIEF IN THEMSELVES; AND FAITH IN A
SUPREME BEING.

7.

Out [EVERY LAW-ABIDING PERSON WHO WISHES
TO PRESERVE OUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS CERTAINLY
MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THEY CANNOT LONG ENDURE
WITHOUT RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY WHICH IS
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING CIVIL LIBERTIES
RATHER THAN TO DESTROYING THEM.] WITHOUT
FREEDOM, A SOCIETY LOSES ITS MEANING, AND
WITHOUT PROTECTIVE AUTHORITY, IT BECOMES
ANARCHY.

THE PRIMARY MISSION OF OUR
CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC IS TO PRESERVE THE
PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN FREEDOM AND
AUTHORITY. OUR GENERATION HAS WITNESSED
ASSAULT AFTER ASSAULT ON THIS CONSTITUTIONAL
BALANCE OF FREEDOM AND AUTHORITY.

THE "PSEUDO-LIBERAL" AND THE NEO-FASCIST
SEEK EITHER LICENSE OR AN EXCESS OF AUTHORITY.
THE "PSEUDO-LIBERAL" HAS INCREASINGLY
CONCEIVED COMMITTEES IN THE NAME OF
DEFENDING EVERY FREEDOM, BUT NONE TO
UPHOLD AUTHORITY.

8.

WHEN HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN LESSENING FREEDOM BY CURTAILING AUTHORITY, HE HAS CLAIMED SOCIAL PROGRESS. THESE SELF-STYLED SOCIAL REFORMERS SEEK TO SUBSTITUTE LICENSE FOR FREEDOM. THEY HAVE BECOME THE READY TOOLS OF THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY AND THEIR REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AUTHORITY FOR THE COMMON GOOD, AND OPPRESSION, HAS AIDED IN MAKING POSSIBLE AN ERA OF COMMUNIST EXPANSION.

TO BE SURE, THE "PSEUDO-LIBERALS" PROCLAIM THEMSELVES AS ANTI-COMMUNIST. THEY HAVE MADE EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS TO CURTAIL THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY TO DEFEND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. SOME OF THEM MAY BE HONEST AND SINCERE BUT THEY ARE *at least* MISGUIDED. OTHERS SEEK THE "PSEUDO-LIBERAL" CLOAK TO CONCEAL MORE SINISTER OBJECTIVES, BECAUSE DECEIT IS THE VERY ESSENCE OF COMMUNISM.

Out

THE TRAGEDY OF OUR GENERATION HAS RESULTED FROM OUR SPIRITUAL SHORTCOMINGS, FROM THE DISASTROUS MORAL FAILURES OF OUR AGE, AND FROM THE FAILURES OF THE LAST WAR AND THE LAST PEACE.

OUR GENERATION HAS SUFFERED TWO WORLD WARS. AFTER WORLD WAR I, THE FREE WORLD AWOKE TO THE REALIZATION THAT THE WAR "TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY" WAS NOT FINISHED. AFTER WORLD WAR II, A TIRED AND PEACE-SEEKING PEOPLE HAD THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT THE FASCIST MONSTER HAD BEEN DESTROYED. THEN CAME ANOTHER SHOCK. SOVIET RUSSIA LAUNCHED A COLD WAR AGAINST THE WEST AND A NOT SO COLD ONE AGAINST OTHER DEFENSELESS PEOPLES TO EXTEND ITS ORBIT OF DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE OVER ONE-FOURTH OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE AND ~~APPROXIMATELY~~ 40 PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLES.

10.

THE FREE WORLD HAS BEEN SLOW TO
RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNIST APPROACH DESPITE
THE BLUEPRINTS FOR ACTION WHICH THE
COMMUNISTS HAVE PROCLAIMED TO ALL WITH
EARS TO HEAR AND EYES TO READ. FROM THE
TIME THE COMMUNISTS CAME TO POWER IN
RUSSIA UNTIL TODAY, THEY HAVE USED DUPLICITY,
PROPAGANDA, TREASON, AND EVEN ARMED FORCE
TO DISTORT TRUTH. IN THE 109 YEARS SINCE THE
COMMUNIST MANIFESTO WAS WRITTEN THEY HAVE
NEVER WON POWER IN ANY COUNTRY BY THE FREE
VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE.

COMMUNISM IS DOOMED ULTIMATELY TO
FALL, BECAUSE IT IS ANTI-GOD AND DENIES THE
DIGNITY OF MAN. THE DAY WILL COME WHEN IT
WILL BE REJECTED BY ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE
WORLD. BUT THAT DAY NEVER WILL COME THROUGH
WISHFUL THINKING. IT WILL COME ONLY WHEN THE
FIRES OF FREEDOM BURN BRIGHT AND THE SINEWS
OF FREEDOM ARE STRENGTHENED.

11.

NO BRUTALITY CAN ERASE THE URGE TO
LIBERTY WHICH SURGES IN EVERY MAN'S
HEART. THE FALL OF WORLD-WIDE COMMUNISM
WILL COME ONLY WHEN THE WORLD, BOTH THE
FREE AND THE ENSLAVED, RESOLVES THAT
THIS HEARTLESS DICTATORSHIP SHALL END.

Out [WE CAN HASTEN THAT DAY BY ETERNAL
VIGILANCE IN PROTECTING THE AMERICAN
IDEAL AGAINST ABUSE AND BY EXTENDING THE
POWER OF ITS INFLUENCE.]

Out [THE PRESENT GENERATION OF FATHERS
AND MOTHERS MUST DECIDE NOW FOR THE
FUTURE GENERATIONS--WHETHER THAT FUTURE
SHALL HOLD FREEDOM OR SLAVERY, DEPENDS
ON HOW COMPLETELY THE CHALLENGE OF
COMMUNISM IS MET AND VANQUISHED.]

LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE, THE FIRES
OF FREEDOM SMOULDER EVEN IN THE HEART OF
COMMUNIST STRONGHOLDS. EVEN THE POWER
OF STALIN AND HIS SUCCESSORS HAS NOT BEEN
ABLE TO EXTINGUISH IT.

THE HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS GIVE TESTIMONY TO THE RUTHLESSNESS OF THE COMMUNIST MIGHT AND TO THE STRENGTH OF PEOPLES YEARNING TO BE FREE. LAST NOVEMBER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, THE PRESENT HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOVIET UNION, IN REFERRING TO THE FREEDOM-LOVING COUNTRIES OF THE WEST, STATED:

"WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT,
HISTORY IS ON OUR SIDE. WE
WILL BURY YOU."

MORE RECENTLY, KHRUSHCHEV HAS PRAISED STALIN AND EVEN HAD THE ATHEISTIC AUDACITY TO CALL UPON GOD TO SEND MORE MEN LIKE STALIN TO FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM.

IT CANNOT BE DENIED THAT TEN OF THE ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNING BODY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION WERE PUPPETS FOR THE OLD TYRANT STALIN, AND WHATEVER THEY LEARNED IN THE ART OF GOVERNING BY FORCE THEY LEARNED FROM HIM.

THE GYRATIONS OF THE SOVIET

COMMUNISTS HAVE PRODUCED A CHAIN REACTION IN COMMUNIST PARTIES AROUND THE WORLD. AMERICAN COMMUNISTS HAVE PUT ON A DAZZLING PERFORMANCE OF SHIFTING AND TURNING. IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS WHICH LIE AHEAD, THEY WILL RESORT TO EVERY TIME-PROVEN COMMUNIST TRICK TO DECEIVE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BY ADVOCATING A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO SOCIALISM, BY APPEALING TO THE MASSES WITH TRUMPED-UP CHARGES OF INJUSTICES, BY SEEKING TO BUILD A BROAD COALITION OF SOCIALIST FORCES, BY RECAPTURING THE NAIVE, AND MOBILIZING THE "PSEUDO-LIBERALS."

BEHIND ALL THIS, ^{shame} STILL PREVAILS THE DETERMINATION TO INTENSIFY THE CLASS STRUGGLE WITH RESORT TO DECEIT, MISREPRESENTATION AND THE USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE WHEN NECESSARY.

They talk of self determination of Marxist Leninism.
What is needed is repudiation of that evil doctrine.

THEIR ARMS AND TACTICS ARE OBVIOUS.
THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY HAS BEEN
EXPOSED FOR WHAT IT IS IN ^{our} COURTCOURTS,
BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND BY THE
PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION. ITS NEW LOOK
AND PROGRAM ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE
AMERICAN COMMUNISTS TO REGROUP AND
DEVELOP A MILITANT PARTY TO ACCOMPLISH
THEIR "HISTORIC MISSION" OF DESTROYING
AMERICAN FREEDOMS. SOVIET-STYLE
COMMUNISM REMAINS THE IDEAL, AND THE
COMMUNIST PARTY INTENDS TO DO ITS BEST
TO IMPOSE IT UPON THIS COUNTRY.

CRIPPLING BLOWS HAVE BEEN DEALT
TO THE COMMUNIST CAUSE IN THE UNITED
STATES. BUT THERE IS A GREATER TASK WHICH
RESTS WITH OUR TEACHERS, THE MOULDERS OF
PUBLIC OPINION, THE MINISTERS OF EVERY
FAITH, OUR LABOR LEADERS AND OUR
INDUSTRIALISTS.

15.

IN SHORT, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EDUCATION
TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN IDEAL RESTS
WITH EVERY AMERICAN HOME. TRUTH AND
EDUCATION ARE THE ULTIMATE ANSWERS IN
THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN IDEAL.

THE NATION CAN BE THANKFUL FOR A
FREEDOMS FOUNDATION WHICH STANDS AS A
SENTINEL, AS DID OUR REVOLUTIONARY
"FREEDOM FIGHTERS" HERE AT VALLEY FORGE,
WHICH IS THE VIVID SYMBOL OF THEIR
SUFFERING.

IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE AND THE
DETERMINATION TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH
THE HUMILITY AND THE DEDICATED SACRIFICES
OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, THEN THE STAR
SPANGLED BANNER SHALL CONTINUE TO FLY
OVER THIS -- OUR HOME OF THE FREE AND
LAND OF THE BRAVE, AND "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
IN OTHER LANDS MAY EVENTUALLY SECURE
THESE BLESSINGS WHICH ARE OURS. THIS IS
THE GOAL OF THE AMERICAN IDEAL.

Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

2-26, 1957

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February 19, 1957

Honorable Charles R. Hook
Chairman
Armco Steel Corporation
Middletown, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hook:

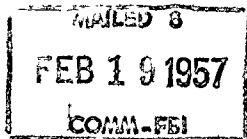
I want to express my deep thanks for your thoughtful letter of February 14, 1957, and can certainly understand how circumstances will require your absence from Valley Forge on February 22.

Your generous comments concerning the FBI and my direction of its activities are greatly appreciated, and I want you to know that I consider it a real honor to receive the George Washington Freedoms Foundation Award which I shall accept on behalf of all of the employees of this Bureau who have made this recognition possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles reflect past cordial relations with Hook who is a former Deputy Postmaster General. He resigned September, 1955.

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MIDDLETOWN
OHIO

CHARLES R. HOOK
CHAIRMAN

February 14, 1957

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Ave. and Tenth St., NW
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the Board of Trustees of Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge. I had made all arrangements to attend the meeting of the Trustees and the ceremonies in connection with the presentation of awards on February 22. Because of a situation that developed this week, I now find it impossible to be present.

I was particularly anxious to be there when you receive the highest award the Foundation can give. I had hoped to personally meet you and express my appreciation as a citizen for your great public service, and congratulate you, not only as the recipient of this highest award, but to commend you for the remarkable accomplishments of your department under your direction.

I only wish it were possible for every citizen to read the book F.B.I. in order that they could appreciate what you inherited, and the excellent job you have done in safeguarding the interests of the individual citizens and the nation as a whole.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 12-10-56

FROM :

L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT:

I called Dr. Kenneth Wells of Freedoms Foundation Friday evening and told him that I personally advised the Director of the Director's designation to receive the George Washington Award on February 22, that the Director was deeply touched and most appreciative of this honor and the Director's first reaction was that he had certainly regretted that he could not have presented the Award this year in view of other commitments.

I then told Wells that the Director was trying to rearrange his schedule, that I frankly did not know whether he would be able to do it but certainly hoped that it could be worked out and we hoped that by the time the Director received his formal notification that he would be able to give him some definite word.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2-14-57

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[initials]*

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• FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

In connection with the Valley Forge speech on February 22, 1957
 I wonder if we could now go ahead and give the Valley Forge people a copy
 with the release date on it.

LBN:nl

(2) *me*

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 ok's it
 I think ok

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 Rogers 2/15 *me*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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I suggest Valley Forge
speech be shown
to Rogers

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 Clyde Tolson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: February 18, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *LBN*

SUBJECT:

Freedom's Foundation

For record purposes, I cleared the Valley Forge speech with Rogers, who stated it was excellent.

I then told him that I was bringing it to him in view of his memorandum of February 11 regarding the "watchdog" responsibility being assigned to Harold H. Healy, Jr., Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, to whom statements having an impact abroad should be cleared. I had Rogers' memorandum with me. At first he didn't know what I was talking about. I showed him the memorandum, which he read, and it was obvious to me he hadn't read it before. He stated that the purpose of the memorandum was to set up machinery whereby the U. S. Information Agency might be alerted to information which it might use. He suggested that we send Healy a copy of the speech, pointing out that it had been checked with Rogers and suggesting he might want to refer it to USIA. Rather than do this, I think the way to handle it is to have Mullen give Healy copies of the speech when we decide to make copies of the speech available to Mullen.

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FORGERY AT VALLEY FORGE

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., saw a strange ceremony Friday.

A man by the name of J. Edgar Hoover showed up at the scene of the agony of Washington's army and was handed—



1) Something called the Special George Washington Honor Medal.

2) \$5,000.

These honorariums were bestowed on Hoover by an organization called "Freedom's Foundation," which awards \$100,000 yearly in national and school

prizes.

Hoover's prizes evidently come under the heading of "national" rather than "school" unless he received them in his capacity of author of his well known masters dissertation on the Care and Feeding of the Stoolpigeon.

There is nothing mysterious about one of Hoover's prizes. I refer to the \$5,000. When you consider all the thousands of dollars that the FBI has been handing out for false testimony and to maintain a corps of distinguished liars, it was about time that someone thought of J. Edgar himself.

I am, however, mystified by the "Special George Washington Honor Medal." The word "special" is particularly intriguing. The only way I can inter-

pret it is that the medal refers to some "special" George Washington whom you and I never heard of. Certainly not the Washington who never told a lie. (This is not the only mysterious prize awarded by Freedom's Foundation last Friday. There was the award to the Defense Department of, as the newspapers reported it, the "foundation's top prize in a miscellaneous spiritual value category"—Charles E. Wilson, one of the country's best-known miscellaneous spiritual valuists, being on hand himself to receive it.)

J. Edgar Hoover, like for other prizewinners, was honored for "outstanding contributions to a better understanding of the American way of life dur-

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By ALAN MAX

ing 1956." Hoover's specific contribution may have been that in 1956 he did not trample on many more traditional liberties than he did in 1955.

To clear up any questions as to how the accolade happened to come Hoover's way, the foundation announced that the winners were "selected from nominations made by the general public." Frankly, I doubt if this particular nomination came from the general public, and I am sure it didn't come from General Washington.

J. Edgar made a speech of acceptance. This was a tirade against the "pseudo-liberals" who have been accusing J. Edgar of cutting down the Bill of Rights with his own little hatch-

Beating a pseudo-drum, blowing a pseudo-fife and bearing a pseudo-flag, our patriot raked the country's liberals from stem to stern.

Between the roar of the cannon and the rat-tat-tat of the muskets, General J. Pseudo Hoover warned his followers not to be fooled by the "new look and program" of the Communist Party.

Then as the smoke of battle cleared and the bodies of his enemies littered the field, our general departed for his Winter Camp by the Potomac—first pocketing, of course, his \$5,000, which was probably more than all of Washington's troops received during the ordeal of Valley Forge.

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MILNER HOTEL SYSTEM

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HOTEL CITY
7/25/57

Dear Mr Hoover

It is my pleasure
to congratulate you,
with the many
May Good Health be
yours for a long time
to come -

Sincerely

Wm A. Schiffer

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J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, today was awarded Freedom Foundation's highest



honor "for his resolute leadership against Godless communism." Hoover was among 753 individuals, businesses, organizations and schools cited in special George Washington

birthday ceremonies for furthering "the American way of life" by what they said, wrote or did. The award consists of \$5,000 and a special honor medal.

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AP WIREPHOTO

J. EDGAR HOOVER (left) and CHARLES E. WILSON (center) accepted awards at Valley Forge, Pa., from the head of Freedoms foundation, Dr. Kenneth Wells. Hoover, federal bureau of investigation chief, was given \$5,000 and a special George Washington honor medal for "resolute leadership against godless communism." Wilson, secretary of defense, received an honor medal for his department's militant liberty" program.

ACK Mr. Biornark A. Schiffer
Minneapolis, Minn

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Hotel Milner
Minneapolis, Minn.
2-25-56 (57)

Dear Mr. Hoover

It is my pleasure to congratulate you,
with the many.

May good Health be yours for a long
time to come.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bismark A. Schiffers^e

"Enclosures"

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March 1, 1957

Mr. Bismark A. Schifferes
Hotel Milner
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Schifferes:

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It was certainly a pleasure to receive
your kind comments in your letter of February 25, 1957,
with its enclosed clippings concerning my receipt of
the Freedoms Foundation Award. Your best wishes are
very much appreciated.

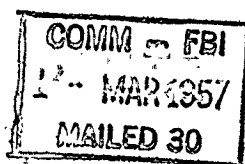
Sincerely yours,

JOE EDGAR BOONES

NOTE: Schifferes has forwarded congratulations to the Director on various anniversaries in the past, and short note paper replies have been returned.

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(A Nationwide body of Congregational Laymen)

0 *Freedom's Foundation*

Feb. 23, 1957

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Publications Division
Washington

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of Mr. Hoover's speech at Valley Forge yesterday.

If you can spare a dozen copies, I will send one to each of our directors. We are all concerned about the psuedo-liberals, possibly including some Congregational organizations, who furnish a smoke-screen behind which the real out-and-out communists operate.

With thanks in advance,

H. C. Bailey
Secretary

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March 3, 1957

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Mr. Harold C. Bailey
Secretary
League to Uphold Congregational
Principles
Post Office Box 623
Hartford 1, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bailey:

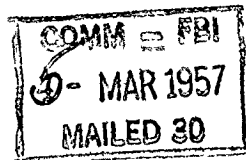
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Your letter of February 23, 1957, has been received, and it is a pleasure for me to enclose copies of my address in connection with my receiving the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Award.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (12)

12 copies of Director's address at Freedoms Foundation Annual Awards,
2-22-57



NOTE: No pertinent information located in Bufiles re League to Uphold Congregational Principles. Correspondent previously wrote the Director under date of November 21, 1954, which was acknowledged November 26, 1954. (94-3-1-18642)


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Monday Morning, January 9, 1957 4

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Court Decrees Threaten To Take Away Freedoms

newspaper
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TO THE STANDARD-TIMES: There is too much confusion as to the power of government. Some seem to think the legislative, executive and judicial departments were created equal. This is not true. They are co-equal, separate departments.

Legislative powers are invested in Congress, but the Constitution says "granted or delegated."

Decrees of the Supreme Court are not law, especially when they contravene the Constitution or ignore it.

The Bill of Rights sets up further protections to the people. Certain powers are reserved to the states.

The House of Representatives shall have sole powers of impeachment. The Constitution sets up the procedures for removing men from office for treason, bribery or other high crimes.

It seems that the Congress has the prior power. What the Supreme Court says is not the law of the land. If it were, then we would not have need of either the executive

or legislative branches of government. The Supreme or other courts would be the whole show.

To be frank, the courts are dictating and usurping the powers of the executive and legislative branches. This makes of the states and local governments mere machinery to carry out their decrees.

Is that what we want? I don't and you don't. It is high time for the people of these states to wake up. Study the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of the Confederacy. You will find the basic principles in the Articles carried over into our Constitution.

Wake up, America. Your government is doing the same thing to you they are condemning Russia for doing in Hungary and are using the Alien and Sedition law to throw us in jail without indictment or jury and without council for daring to question their dictatorial actions and decrees.

JAMES I. OWEN

Ballinger, Tex.

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TRUE COPY

Ballinger, Texas
Febr 24, 1957.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Washington DC.

Dear Mr. Hoover: I have read your address at Valley Forge, Pa on dangers of reformers. But you called them self styled socialized reformers & pseudo liberals, so lets do away with so called liberals and reformers and call them what they are. If not out right communists & socialist, I charge them all as being enemies of the people and of the Bill of rights, and all rights, and are attempting to destroy this country. The Bill of rights & the Constitution by statutory legislation under so called Civil Right Bills, thus destroying all rights. To associate with those of his own choosing and to hire those whom he considers as being best suited for the job or position, and one of our signers of the Constitution had this to say, that if this country and its freedoms were ever destroyed, it would be from the inside and not from the out side. And when a so called Supreme Court is able to over ride ignore & by pass the Constitution and the executive branch calls on the Congress to ignore & over ride the Sovereign rights the people & the states and the Congress so far forget their oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. The whole bunch should either be impeached or recalled and so called civil rights legislation was instigated for the one and only purpose of setting up a Police State, with a Gestapo and ~~KKK~~VD to enforce its unlawful decrees and we feel that you see it our way as being one of the way, that the enemies both in Government and out are trying to destroy all Freedoms and will do every thing in your power to thwart it, and when your elected & appointed officials feel that it is incumbent on them to destroy all freedoms, it is time for all who are Patriotic & loyal citizens to take a hand and destroy all enemies, who ever they are or where ever they may be and we need the help of every loyal and freedom loving man, woman & child to destroy them. May I, include an article which I wrote on court decrees, Threaten- to take away our Freedoms. We believe you and your staff are some of the ones who are dedicated to the preservation of the sovereign rights of the states and the people, many of whom are direct descendants of the founders of this country, and of such am I, who came to Virginia in the earliest days of pure British stock, and you must have from your name. So here is to all who wish to preserve all rights which we fought for and achieved, and which we intend to keep. Regardless of all enemies who are striving to destroy them

Sincerely your admirer & Friend

/s/

James F. Owen

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Baltimore, Md.

Feb 24 1957

Freedoms Foundation

Washington D.C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover: I have read your address at Valley Forge, Pa on dangers of reforms. But you called them self styled dissatisfied reformers & pseudo liberals. So lets do away with so called liberals and reformers and call them what they are. I will not right Communists & Socialists. I charge them as being enemies of the people and of the Bill of rights, and all rights, and are attempting to destroy this country. The Bill of rights is the Constitution. By Statutory legislation under so called civil rights bills, thus destroying all rights. To associate with those of his own choosing. and to hire those whom he considers as being best suited for the job or position, and only of our signers of the Constitution had this to say. That if this country and its freedoms were ever destroyed, it would be from the inside and not from the outside and when a so called Supreme Court is able to override, ignore & bypass the Constitution and the executive Branch calls on the Congress to ignore & override, the sovereignty of the people & the states and the Congress so far forget their oath to uphold & defend the Constitution, and the whole bunch should either be impeached or recalled and so called civil rights legislation be investigated for the one and only purpose of subverting a Police State with a backdrop

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and N. K. U. D. to enforce its slave laws
and we find that you are in our way
as being one of the way that the enemies
both in Government and outside are trying to
destroy all freedoms, and we do every thing
in your power to thwart it, and when
your elected & appointed officials feel that it
is incumbent on them to destroy all
freedoms. It is time for all who are
patriotic & loyal citizens, to take a hand and
destroy all enemies, who ever they are or
where ever they may be, and we need
the help of every loyal and freedom loving
man, woman & child to destroy them
may I, include an article which I wrote
on Civil decree, threaten to take away our
freedoms, we believe you and your
staff are some of the ones who are dedicated
to the preservation of the sovereign rights
of the States and the people, many of whom
are direct descendants of the founders of
this country. And of such am I who come
to Virginia. In the excellent days of pure
British stern. And you must have
from your name. So here is to see what
wish to preserve all rights which we
fought for and achieved, and which we
intend to keep. Regardless of all enemies
who are striving to destroy them

Sincerely your admirer & friend
James F. Owen

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Mr. James B. Owen
Ballinger, Texas

Dear Mr. Owen:

Your letter dated February 24, 1957, with the enclosed newspaper clipping, has been received.

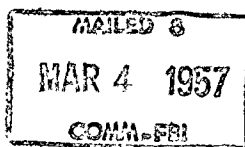
The interest which prompted you to write is appreciated, and your kind remarks concerning my associates and me are gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
February 25, 1957

PA DC
Mr. Gunnar ~~Back~~
American Broadcasting Company, Inc.
4461 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Back:

I enjoyed seeing you last Friday at the
Freedoms Foundation ceremonies at Valley Forge
and am sorry that my commitments were such
that it was not possible for me to participate in
a radio interview following the ceremonies.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MR. TOLSON:

I called the American Broadcasting Company regarding Mr. Back. I was advised that he has not been with them for a long time; that he went with WFIL in Philadelphia and it is not known whether he is still with them.

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America Is Threatened By Communists

Editor: Many people have noted with astonishment the letter written by George N. Caylor [Feb. 18] in which he belittles the warning, given by the chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, that Communists in this country constitute a serious menace.

In an article by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., in the American Magazine, October, 1954 it is stated: "...While there are less than 25,000 Communist Party members in the U. S. they wield an influence far

ists is that they are well financed. . . This was demonstrated in 1947, when the party raised \$1 million in a few days to fight anti-Communist legislation. . .

"The most important reason for their continued effectiveness in many areas, however, is attributable to party discipline and their fanatical adherence to it. . . The party member will lie, commit crime, or even break up his family if the party orders him to. . . We must all realize that the Red conspirators in our midst still constitute a very grave menace. They continue to wage a relentless campaign to pervert our thinking and undermine our freedom. Their principal weapons are deceit, stealth, sham, and trickery. To defeat them, we must recognize them as diabolically skillful enemies, understand their methods, and be eternally vigilant."

In another article, Mr. Hoover states that it is part of the Communists' plan to soothe us into complacency so that we will do nothing to combat the Red conspiracy.

Those who know the score know that America today is in deadly peril from the evil machinations of the Communist conspiracy.

WILLIAM E. FORT JR.

Winter Park.



greater than their numbers suggest. From coast to coast, hard-core Reds continue to use every available technique, ruse, and artifice to capture the minds and control the behavior of loyal Americans, and, in a lamentable number of cases, they are successful in doing so. . . Never a day passes that I do not receive reliable reports on Communist activities in many different parts of the nation. Almost no field of our society is immune to them. In the ranks of the concealed Communists today are labor leaders, educators, publicists, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and even clergymen. . . How can a corps of less than 25,000 Communists exert so much power and influence?

"One reason lies in the fact that they are assisted by a host of sympathizers and fellow travelers. It has long been their boast that for every party member they control at least 10 other persons who are ready, able, and willing to do the party's work. . . Another reason for the effectiveness of the Commun-

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ACK
Mr. William E. Fort, Jr.
Winter Park Fla 3/4
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Winter Park, Fla.
Feb. 23, 1957

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Spd,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank the Freedom Foundation for its great wisdom in giving you its highest prize. The real prize, however, is the heartfelt and profound gratitude that every loyal American feels deeply for your superb work for the safety of our country.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent letter I wrote to the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel answering a vicious attack on House Committee Chairman Walters' attempt to warn the American people of the dangers of Red infiltration. *mc*

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I am making speeches all over this section of Florida trying to awaken the American people to the Red menace. On March 27 I shall address the State Convention of the D.A.R.s on the Danger to America Arising from Communist Infiltration into Schools and Colleges. If you have available any copies of your talks during the past few years, I should like to have them. *62-90412-103*

I, often, find helpful passages to quote from in your articles and speeches. *mc*

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Sincerely yours,

William E. Fort, Jr.
William E. Fort, Jr.

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EX-117
Mr. William E. Fort, Jr.
1951 Forrest Road
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Fort:

In response to your letter of February 23, 1957, with enclosure, which was received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, I am happy to send you copies of his most recent statements on the communist threat. I know he will be very grateful for your kind remarks concerning the Freedom's Foundation Award given to him on February 22.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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The American Ideal
The Twin Enemies of Freedom
Struggle on a New Plane

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NOTE: Correspondent is a Rollins College philosophy professor who has frequently been given in-absence replies to discourage correspondence. M. A. Jones to Mr. Nichols memo 11-17-55 recommended we be very circumspect in dealing with Fort because of the possibility that he might use Director's name to advance his own thoughts.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 2-25-57

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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"The American
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2-22-57

Original filed in: 66-1731-1311

Pages A1337- Senator Mundt, (R) South Dakota, extended his remarks to include an
A1338 address entitled "The American Ideal" prepared for delivery by J.
Edgar Hoover at Freedom's Foundation annual awards, Valley Forge,
Pennsylvania, February 22, 1957. This was set forth in a memorandum
written earlier this date.

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70 In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional
Record for 2-21-57 was reviewed and pertinent items were
marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that
portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and
placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 6, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

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Freedom's Foundation
Valley Forge, Pa

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J *D.C.*
 Tom Sawyer of Freedom's Foundation called me. He was very effusive in his reaction to the Director's appearance at Valley Forge on February 22. He was very sorry that the metal box containing the medal was left behind and the next time he comes to Washington he will bring it with him. The demand for the Director's speech has been unprecedented. They have exhausted their supply. I told him we would be glad to send him a thousand copies, which is being handled.

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this country. Only the
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are too many. I hope to see a wonderful
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James William P.

Woodson Jr.

4115 Stearns street

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City Employee # 33596 Health Dept.

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/s/ From William B. Woodson sr.
4115 stanwood street
Phila 36 Penna

City Employee #33596 Health Dept. Hospital Fron't
& Tuzune st.

Phila 40. Pa

Handwritten signature/initials

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Mr. William B. Woodson, Sr.
4115 Stanwood Street
Philadelphia 36, Pennsylvania

EX 105 Dear Mr. Woodson:

In Mr. Hoover's absence from Washington,
I am acknowledging your letter to him postmarked February 26,
1957.

I know that Mr. Hoover would want me to
thank you for your generous comments concerning his recent
address at Valley Forge, and enclosed is a reprint of his
remarks which you might like to have. It was kind of you to
send your expression of confidence in the work being done by
the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary


Enclosure

reprint of Director's speech at Valley Forge.

NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, correspondent is not
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Dear Mr Hoover:

Thoroughly enjoyed
your latest article in
U.S. News (3/8/57)

Had the pleasure of
meeting you in 1938
thru our then U.S. Attorney
Carl Donough. (He's still
going strong and active here
in Portland.)

Speaking about Portland
people, Mrs Dorothy McCullough
Lee is a very good friend
of mine. Also her husband
Scott. Had her one of the
enclosed cards next time
you see her.

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May be in ~~Washington~~
later this month to see
her.

Sincerely,
Carl
Donough



Carlo J. Sposito

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Thoroughly enjoyed your latest article in US News (3-8-57).

Had the pleasure of meeting you in 1938 thru our then U.S. Attorney Carl Donough. (He's still going strong and active here in Portland.)

Speaking about Portland people, Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee is a very good friend of mine. Also her husband Scott. Hand her one of the enclosed cards next time you see her.

May be in Washington later this month to see her.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carl Sposito

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Mr. Carlo J. Sposito
National Life Insurance Company
Corbett Building
Portland 4, Oregon A.C.

Dear Mr. Sposito:

Your note postmarked March 6, 1957, and its
enclosures have been received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness
in writing concerning excerpts which appeared in "U. S. News
and World Report" from the address I delivered on February 22
at ^②Freedom's Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee was recently reappointed to the Parole Board. Because of correspondent's unwarranted familiarity, no mention is being made of his allegedly previously meeting the Director and his request that the Director give one of his advertising cards to Mrs. Lee. It is noted that the letter was written on the back of a blotter. Sposito and his wife toured the Bureau in Sept., 1950. Outgoing letter of 9-12-50 from the Director expressed regrets that he was out of the office at the time of their visit. (94-2-26051)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-13-57

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in:

66-1731-1317

Page A1990

Senator Capehart, (R) Indiana, requested to have printed in the Record an article revealing that Mr. Wayne Guthrie, one of Indiana's outstanding newspapermen, has been awarded \$100 and a George Washington honor medal in the 1957 Freedoms Foundation awards program. It is also pointed out in the article "J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, received the foundation's highest honor, a special George Washington honor medal and \$5,000." This matter was set forth in a memorandum prepared earlier today.

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In the original of memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 3-12-57 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-5-57-

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in: 66-1731-1312

Pages A1664- Senator Butler, (R) Maryland, requested to have printed in the Record.
A1665 an address delivered by J. Edgar Hoover at Freedoms Foundation annual
awards, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on February 22, 1957. This was
set forth in a memorandum written earlier this date.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 3-4-57- was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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--Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President

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ONE PER CENT of any race's total population can give that race a tremendous amount of free favorable or unfavorable publicity—regardless of race, creed, color or origin.

OFFICE RULE NO. 1: Never leave any important data lying around loose so as to attract flies—human or otherwise.

ONE COUNTRY'S FAULTS should be another country's lessons.

ONE OF THE MOST deplorable combinations to be found in any person is lots of intestinal fortitude without ability and capacity.

ORATORY: The collar-wilting brand of political oratory seems to have gone with the wind or at least for the duration. Like nearly everything else—times and people change with the push button and dial turning age.

"ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE with liberty and justice for all" sounds good, but what does it mean unless we are practicing what we are preaching?

P

PATIENCE may be a virtue, but it is possible for one to be so patient that one becomes a patient.

PEOPLE ARE MORE important than things. To live and let live is one way to get along with people, but to live and help live is a better way.

PERENNIAL PRE-ELECTION promises, pledges, planks, and platforms are usually made and used to get into offices and not necessarily to be kept after election by the successful nominees and parties—this is especially applicable to the pseudo-types.

PLEASURE: Many are inclined to put off today what can be done tomorrow, more especially if it is a duty; but if it is a pleasure, it just MUST be done today.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING, straw votes are more of an indication which way the hot air is blowing rather than the indication of true election returns.

PROGRESS NOR SUCCESS rarely, if ever, consists solely in indicating just how inferior your competitors are, or possibly can be.

THE NEGRO PRESS has earned its place in leadership and the colored peoples of the world are depending upon it increasingly for intelligent guidance and advancement. The maintenance of its present high standards and objectives depends upon the teamwork of every colored American working cooperatively.

VICTIMS VS. VICTORS: Those white persons who are all-out to practice Jim Crow, racial and religious discrimination against Negroes, Jews, Catholics and others are in the final analyses the Victims and not the Victors.

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GEORGE WESLEY BLOUNT

A triple-winner of Freedoms Foundation Awards at Valley Forge, Pa., for his articles.

PART III

A

ATTITUDES: We have come a long way over a hard rough and stony road. We all know or we should know by now that—the greatest enemy of mankind is man. Fewer than 100-years ago—Negroes were called "niggers, monkeys, apes, darkeys, coons, spooks, and pickaninnies," Jews were called "kikes and sheenies," Italians were called "dagoes," and there were the "hunks, wops," et cetera ad infinitum. Poor Southern white people were called "crackers" and Northerners were called "Yank-ees."

ANY NORMAL, sane, intelligent, self-respecting person would now blush with shame if heard using any such opprobriums either privately or publicly. This change of attitudes is the result of a long campaign of education, tolerance and integration in the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

MEANWHILE, the Negroes, the Jews, the Italians and countless others of foreign extraction have done and they are now doing a tremendous amount of self-improvement which is helping to make such increasing changes in attitudes possible.

HERE IS A challenge for wisdom and courage to match the magnitude of this herculean task. What can the parents in the homes, the churches, the schools, communities, social agencies, sports, press, radio, and TV do to help continue such helpful work? They can be a powerful influence for good in the right direction. They have a marvelous opportunity to help with the doing of a tremendous job that is now being done in the way of changing attitudes for better human, racial, inter-racial, national, and inter-national relationships.

ALL WHITE PEOPLE are not superior and neither are all Negroes inferior; every racial group has its percentage of inferior and superior individuals.

ANTI-INTEGRATIONISTS may be briefly defined as all those people who have not as yet learned that—"You cannot keep Negroes, nor any other minority group, down in a ditch unless you stay down in the ditch with them"—BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

ADAM AND EVE: In the beginning all was peace and quietness, peaches and cream, ambrosia and nectar, and it continued to be so until that intriguer and vision of love and loveliness—EVE—appeared in the Garden of Eden with her magic apple and intriguingly pulled the wool over the eyes of that dumb Adam. Ever since that date the world has been full of sin and trouble and little apples on a world-wide scale.

A YOUTHFUL FIGURE is something that any census enumerator usually gets whenever he asks a woman her age.

B

BROTHERHOOD AND PEACE: Can you imagine how much farther Brotherhood and World Peace would be advanced on this globe if—we the peoples of all the races of mankind—gave just one-third as much thought, time, energy, effort, ingenuity, scheming and plotting to get the world ahead as we are now doing to get and to keep ourselves, individually, collectively and our respective racial groups—ahead in the world?

C

CONDUCT: The integrity of people should be measured by their conduct and not by their words and professions.

CORNUCOPIA: The chief trouble with being a host, hostess, or a good fellow to all men and all women continuously is that one doesn't usually have very much left for him or herself; and in the final analysis he or she usually comes out at the small end of the cornucopia.

D

DELINQUENCY: If we ever hope to root out delinquency and crime, we should begin farther back than the cradle.

DISCRETION: In writing, as in talking, discretion consists in saying all that should be said on a subject at the time, but not necessarily all that could be said. All things that are lawful are not expedient.

DOLLARS AND CENTS: More and more we should learn to tell our dollars and cents where to go and what to go for, instead of asking them where they went? what they went for? and what did they get?

DUMB: Unless one is prepared, it is better to remain quiet and be thought dumb than to expose your ignorance by writing a book, a poem, a play, or a column and by so doing remove every possible shadow of doubt.

DOERS: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"—much like some pseudo-politicians and statesmen and some others of that type who strive successfully and get themselves elected to key positions, here and there—they talk and promise so much in advance and they do so little afterward.

F

FRUITS: Many people spend years in day-dreaming, fretting and long for the fruits of production without putting forth the mental and physical energy and effort necessary to produce the fruits.

FUTILE PHILOSOPHY: There is too much of this trying to live separately as the fingers on the hands during peace time and prosperity and as one when the hands are closed during wartimes or disasters; it may be that some day more Americans will learn the futility of that particular type of racial philosophy.

FIGHTING: It is better to stand up and fight and get licked by a good man or for a good cause than it is to get licked lying down.

GETTING AND GIVING: Doing and getting all for one's self, doing and giving nothing for others makes one's road tough traveling through life.

GOD GAVE us our teeth and we should be willing to work cooperative for our daily bread and meat.

GOOD LIQUOR, fast cars, fast horses and beautiful women and music are the ruination of many a promising young man or vice versa—with the emphasis on the vice.

GRAYING HAIR: An engineer receives about \$400 more or less monthly to **MIND THE TRAIN.** The average teacher receives about \$200 more or less to **TRAIN THE MIND.** Should there be any wonder that teachers' hair turn gray or they grow bald prematurely trying to make financial ends meet?

GREATNESS may never be yours nor mine, but the least that any of us can do is to accept and carry our own individual burdens or responsibilities up the hill of life to the best of our respective abilities and capacities.

H

HATRED, ENVY, jealousy and malice may sometimes be seen wearing the prettiest party manners with smiles as little tricks of sociability; meanwhile, the wearers are in all reality planning the downfall of or to adroitly knife another in the back.

HELP: Strange as it may seem there is always help to be had whenever and wherever help is needed, provided the cause is a worthy one and the help is wisely sought.

HORSE RACING: In life, as in a horse race, the winner is not always the one on the inside lane next to the rail.

HORSE SENSE: Any person who possesses the equivalent of good horse sense, should be able to qualify easily as a **STABLE THINKER.**

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IF YOU CANNOT have all you want, be grateful for all you have. Keep counting, over and over, your blessings and not your misfortunes. Nothing is quite so bad, but what it might be worse.

J

JOBS: In times of prosperity one often finds it difficult to do the easy tasks, but in a crisis one usually finds it comparatively easy to do the seemingly impossible jobs.

JOY CAN COME from disadvantages as well as from advantages because many times blessings come in disguise, and frequently hard luck appears on the scene looking like a million dollars. One cannot always tell in advance which is which.

K

KEEP RIGHT ON growing, going, learning, earning, saving, investing and re-investing—for in due season you will succeed if you faint not.

O

OBITUARIES are pretty accurate gauges of what one really meant to life, or contributed to the community in which he lived. I have never knowingly aided or abetted in the shortening of any person's life but I have read one, or possibly two obituaries with a great deal of genuine satisfaction.

What Others Are Saying ----

This newspaper is happy to have the views of its readers. Please write on one side of paper. All articles must be signed. Letters may be edited and cannot be returned.

FBI's J. EDGAR HOOVER SAYS:
By George Wesley Blount,
West Chester, Pa.

Speaking at the 8th annual exercises of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., February 22, 1957 FBI's J. Edgar Hoover, chief guest speaker and highest awardee said in part:

"...Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: For this is the law and prophets."

// The present generation of mothers and fathers must decide now for the future generations whether that future shall hold freedom or slavery depends on how completely the challenge of Communism is met and vanished. . . .

// The American ideal is embodied in our Nation's integrity and honor and in our homes in which respect for the rights of others is taught by precept and example. It is part and parcel of our Bill of Rights and the Constitutional concepts which recognize that all men are free and equal, endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The American ideal embodies the sum total of the wisdom, the courage and the sacrifices of our founding fathers. Its foundation is the faith of our fathers. . . .

// If we have the courage and the determination to face the future with the humility and the dedicated sacrifices of our founding fathers, then the Star Spangled Banner shall continue to fly over this our home of the free and land of the brave, and 'freedom fighters' in other lands may eventually secure these blessings which are ours. This is The Goal of The American Ideal. J. Edgar Hoover, the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal and \$5000 for "the most outstanding contribution to the American way of life during 1956," all of which he so richly deserves. "Lord God of Hosts, Be With Us Yet."

Lest We Forget---Lest we Forget!
(R. Kipling) the heroic efforts our founding fathers made to help make present-day America possible for all of us.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1957

Freedoms Foundation Awards Are Announced

**J. Edgar Hoover, FBI
Chief, Is Honored
At Valley Forge**

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (UP) — J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, today received the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge top award for 1956 — \$5,000 and the Special George Washington Honor Medal.

Hoover was given the award for "his devotion beyond duty to the cause of human liberty through four decades."

The citation also praised his "resolute leadership against Godless Communism — domestic and international," and "his qualities

of character and courage, an example to the youth of the U. S. for all time to come."

Hoover received the award in person in ceremonies at the Foundation's headquarters here.

The Freedoms Foundation was created to "build an understanding of the spirit and philosophy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights ..." and "to inspire love of freedom..."

A special award was given to Walt Disney and Disneyland, Anaheim, Calif., for "the dramatic concept, faithful patriotic design and educational entertainment values of Liberty Street and Disneyland, U.S.A., where every American may become aware of the origins of the American Way..."

In the other Special Awards category carrying George Washington Honor Medals were:

—General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, D. C. for its community achievement contest.

—Dr. Lawrence C. Lockley, Los Angeles, Calif., for his Monthly Economic Letter series.

—Col. John H. Shenkel, Pittsburgh, Pa., for "devoted leadership in the American Legion's efforts to build sound Americanism..."

—Mrs. Helen Lynch, Chicago, Ill., for "assiduous service and outstanding accomplishment in developing sound American citizenship..."

—Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc. Hollywood, for the motion picture "Down Liberty Road."

Two Awards Come To West Chester

West Chester shared in the annual awards announced today by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The two received here were the only ones in Chester county.

The Biddle Street Area School received the Valley Forge Freedom Library Award in recognition of a project staged by one of the fifth grades of which Miss Margaret Meredith is the teacher. Last fall the pupils conducted a "political campaign" patterned along the lines of the National campaign which was then in progress. The entire project, with all the color and excitement of a campaign, emphasized the American way of choosing our National leaders.

Today the school is represented at the Valley Forge award ceremonies by a chosen representative of the pupils, 10-year-old Chiquita Clark, Miss Meredith and the school principal, Samuel A. Riegel.

The second award was made to Henry L. Brinton for an editorial which appeared in the Daily Local News last June 7, entitled: "To Our Seniors," and was addressed to the members of the graduating class of the West Chester Joint High School of which his daughter was a member. The award consists of the George Washington Honor Medal and a check for \$100.

Daily Local News
West Chester, Pa.
February 22, 1957

Freedoms Awards For '56 Parceled

By the Associated Press

Valley Forge, Pa.

Freedoms Foundation presented \$100,000 Feb. 29 in awards to groups, schools, and individuals for "their contributions to a better understanding of the American way of life during 1956."

On hand at this historic shrine to receive the foundation's highest 1956 award in special Washington's Birthday ceremonies was J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hoover received the George Washington award, which includes a special George Washington honor medal and a cash award of \$5,000.

Carmack Cartoon Cited

Other top recipients included the Girl Scouts of America; Junior Achievement, Inc.; and the United States Department of Defense.

Among the New England

award winners was Paul Carmack of The Christian Science Monitor who won the George Washington honor medal award for the cartoon entitled "One Source of Light."

The object of the nonprofit, nonpolitical foundation's annual awards program—begun in 1949—is "to honor those citizens, regardless of race, creed, or economic status, for their outstanding efforts to improve public understanding and appreciation of the basic constitutional rights and freedoms inherent in the American way of life through the things they write, do or say."

All told, the nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian Freedoms Foundation gave out \$38,900 in cash awards to 230 winners. Medals and other awards to the remaining selectees totalled an additional \$50,000.

Award Categories Broadened

For the first time this year the foundation divided the awards into special categories, with the top cash award—other than to Mr. Hoover—being \$1,000.

There were two Thomas Jefferson awards: the college campuses program division was won by Norman College for its "Citizenship Focus Week" and the top community program prize went to the Akron (Ohio) Bar Association for its year-long efforts to publicize and interpret the Bill of Rights and help old and new citizens to understand local government and how it works.

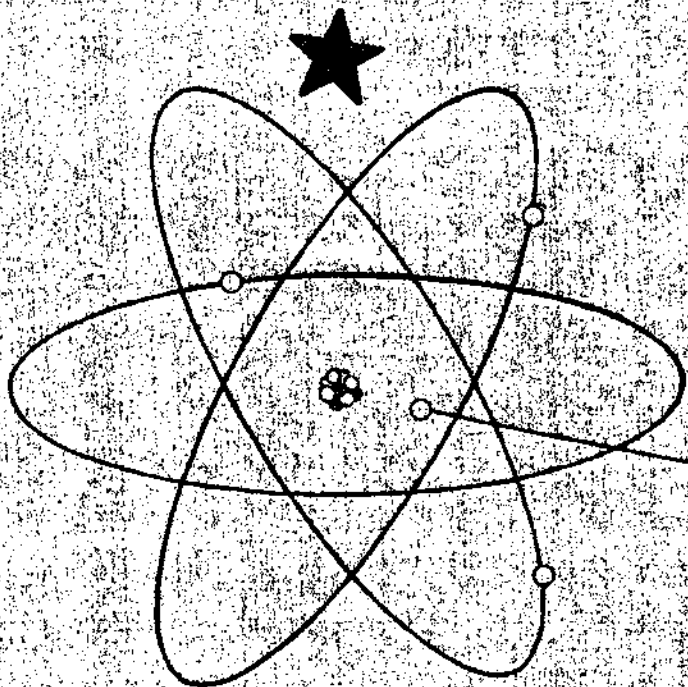
Spiritual awards went to the Rev. Henry B. Schulthels of Sacramento, Calif. for his sermon on "Will America Increase Its Greatness?" ~~Rev. Harold E. Brennan of Rockville Centre, N.Y. for the best mobile address and~~

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1952—Fighting For Our Freedoms and Civil Rights

(For this article he was awarded the George Washington Honor
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love humanity. Men and women with vision, clear-thinkers, far-seers, who can see the mountaintop and with sufficient ability to lead us to the top. For such should be our goal—the mountaintop where men, women, and children may breathe the clean, clear, pure air of freedom and tranquillity, justice and brotherhood, equality and integration.

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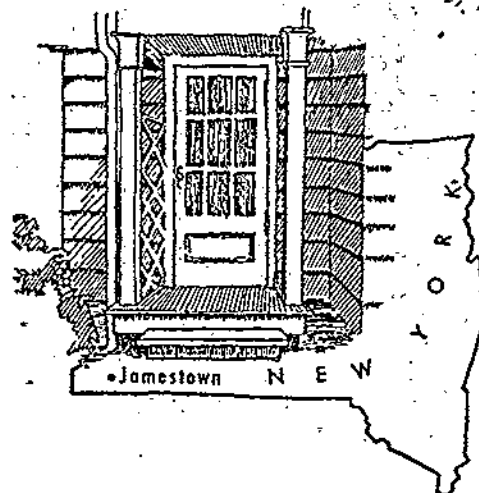
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International Living



And here are the Martins, of Sweden, gathered in the living room of the white clapboard house in New York State which they filled for a year. "Their" dog: Pepper.

By ROBERT LITTELL

The black spaniel, Pepper, wagged his tail but seemed puzzled at these strangers in his own home. In the modern, gayly painted kitchen—so compact that Barbro could reach practically everything without moving — was all she needed except milk and butter. By the telephone hung a list of useful numbers—butter, grocer, doctor, dentist.

Though by now all Jamestown knew about the transatlantic swap, Nils was surprised, the very first time he went into one of the stores, to be greeted by a cheery, "Hi, Nils, what can we do for you today?"

Wally's business—Park Cleaners—was much smaller than Nils', and seemed to run itself, so at first he didn't quite know what to do. He was shy, and, though by nature friendly, he came from a land where social relations are stiffened by the starch of convention. Wally's employees say that Nils "used to stalk from the office into the shop once or twice a day, stare at us as if we weren't there, and stalk out again."

Eventually Nils thawed, but it

took time. Time—and people like Mrs. Anna Nelson, a jolly, ample soul who irons shirts all day with zest and skill. One morning, as Nils walked by, she stopped him and said, "Come on, Nils—iron a shirt!" He did, then and there, for the first time in his life.

Through the Winter, as they taught him to press, fold, spot-clean, and run many of the machines with his own hands, Wally's people would laugh and say, "Nils, you're doing fine!"

As a result, Nils became more interested in the practical side of the clothes-cleaning business than he had thought possible. He went to Silver Springs, Maryland, to study at the National Institute of Dry Cleaning for several days and later spent an absorbing and profitable fortnight taking the management course at the American Institute of Laundering, at its model plant in Joliet, Illinois. He came back with a gleam in his eye, his mental sleeves rolled up, and a lot of ideas, some of which his engineer-trained mind translated into action.

After long study of Wally's plant, Nils made an elaborate, beautifully drawn chart of its

"work flow," showing how the machines could be more efficiently located. Yet he said he had to admit that, on the whole, American methods were ten years ahead of Swedish.

THOUGH Barbro and Nils Martin put down deep roots that Winter in Jamestown, some Swedish ways clung to them obstinately. It was months before Nils, even among friends, seemed at ease without tie or coat. And neighbors noticed how the Martins, whenever the Winter sun came out, would come out of their house too, as people do in Sweden, and sit down somewhere and raise their faces to drink in its rays as if they didn't expect to see it again for a long time.

Barbro and Nils came to Jamestown speaking a fluent, though slightly creaky, English. There were three separate kinds of American spoken at 143 Cook Avenue: Nils' shop talk and trade terms, Barbro's housekeeping and social vocabulary, the school slang brought home by the girls. Each was often incomprehensible to the others.

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AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FEATURE

March 1957

PUNISH the PARENT? →

IN our October, 1956, issue we presented an article entitled *Punish the Parent?*, by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice of the U.S.A. Inviting readers to comment on the article, we offered a prize of \$50 each for the three best letters, barring from the contest only persons employed by Rotary International or by Rotary Clubs and members of their families.

The letters began to arrive . . . and when the contest ended on January 1, 1957, we had received 254. They came from five continents and 13 countries, from penologists and housewives, from college presidents and physicians, from city managers and noted sociologists, from a great variety of people much concerned about the problems of their young and of the society in which they are trying to raise them.

In our announcement of the contest we said that the

letters might take any point of view on the question Mr. Hoover raised and that we would judge them on content and literary style. This we did, giving more weight to what was said than to how it was said. The judging, we cheerfully admit, proved extremely difficult, with a dozen entries vying strongly for a place among the best three. A number of entries of excellence disqualified themselves by exceeding our stated maximum length—750 words.

So—congratulations to the three winners! Here, as our symposium-of-the-month in the Community Service field, are the winning entries.—*The Editors*



J. Edgar Hoover

Yes, We Must Stress Correction, Punishment

By **FRED DeARMOND**

Writer and Publisher;
Rotarian, Springfield, Mo.

I AGREE with J. Edgar Hoover's thesis to the extent that:

- (a) Juvenile delinquency has become a terrifying problem.
- (b) Poverty is *not* the cause.
- (c) The abdication of parental responsibility is the prime cause.

I agree with Mr. Hoover that part of the solution is to make parents legally and financially responsible for the crimes of their children. But only a part. There must also be sterner and more inescapable punishment for the more aggravated delinquents themselves.

The bar to any effective remedial action has been the dogmatic and maudlin sentimentality with which the juvenile question has been approached by our juvenile courts and by our social workers.

Every State has laws covering juvenile crime. The primary purpose of these as of other laws in the criminal code is to protect the members of society from violence to person and property. One of the three means relied upon is punishment of the offender. Another is the deterrent effect of punishment on other youths, with the object of convincing them that crime

does not pay. The third means is corrective measures that may reform the offender.

Most persons will grant that the importance of these three means of enforcement, in the case of juveniles, is the reverse of the order in which I have stated them. Correction is the most important, punishment as a deterrent next, and punishment in the strictly punitive sense last. But the professionals in the juvenile-delinquency field are tending today practically to ignore punishment and concentrate entirely on reform. As a result, a rapidly increasing army of teenagers is growing up to believe that delinquency (crime) does pay. Under the circumstances no one should be surprised at this outcome.

What is the reason behind this perverse and blind attitude?

In the case of the enforcement officials it is in part sheer evasion of responsibility. True, the scope of the problem is immense. Their facilities are everywhere inadequate. Their task is unpleasant and often thankless. But instead of trying to rationalize a do-nothing policy of coddling young ruffians until they graduate into habitual criminals, we have a right to expect that our officials meet the problem head-on and try to focus national attention on realistic answers such as Mr. Hoover's.

A very different motive animates the mass of unofficial opin-

ion-makers who do most of the talking and writing about juvenile delinquency. They are selling their bogus humanitarianism as the watered milk of human kindness.

These fallacies are merely another symptom of egghead thinking. Typical of the nonsense mouthed on this subject is the oft-repeated howler by "youth workers" that "there are no naturally bad boys." This is denying the settled and proved facts of heredity. Again and again this alleged thought is parodied: "Sending them to reformatories only makes them worse when they get out." If that is true, we should reform the reformatories, not abolish punishment.

We are told that if only we abolish "underprivileged" economic conditions, establish enough playgrounds and boys' clubs, and try to understand and sympathize with the unfortunate lads caught stomping some feeble old man into the earth, there will be no juvenile problem.

Let's face it. Manufactured mass public opinion at the moment supports the same major delusion as that of criminally indulgent parents. The nation has been brainwashed by old-maid social reformers and half-baked psychologists until it can no longer tell right from wrong. Morality is all relative. Discipline is something to tell the Marines.

Three Winning Answers

To get action on Mr. Hoover's sensible proposal, it will be necessary to set a fire at the grassroots of public opinion. When a large majority of the experts are in a gay flight from reality, chasing butterflies of illusion, only by heroic and spectacular action can anything remedial be accomplished.

Hoover Oversimplifies.

Courts Need Overhaul

By **ERNEST M. BEST**

President Emeritus,
Springfield College,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

MR. HOOVER is right in blaming our rapidly increasing crime record on the failure of the American home. He is right when he proposes legislation to make parents responsible for their children's conduct. In 1954, more than half a million children under 18 were arrested and in 1955 there was an increase of 11 percent in this age group. In 1,477 American cities, 42 percent of all the major crimes, murders, killings, assaults, rape, auto thefts, and other felonies were committed by children under 18, and half of these by children under 15. His thesis is that juvenile delinquents are the products of incompetent and delinquent parents. His remedy is legislation making "parents who willfully or otherwise contribute to the delinquency of their children be held fully accountable financially and legally for the criminal acts of these children." To all of this we can say, "Amen" and "Amen." His article is a challenge to Rotary to do something radical to meet an internal menace to our national life and security, quite as serious as Russian aggression is from without.

But Mr. Hoover oversimplifies the problem. The failure of parents is a major cause of delinquency, but the home itself is now subject to demoralizing influences

from other community factors. For two generations our children have been exposed to ever-increasing pressure from the entertainment industry to idealize violence, crime, and sexual irresponsibility. Literature, art, drama, movies, and now television major in violence and crime—murder and lust are their stock in trade. The patriotic violence of two world wars adds to the commercialized violence of crime and sex. We promote these patterns of behavior and then bemoan the rise of juvenile crime and the failure of the home and the school.

Another basic cause of delinquency lies in the prevalence of false social and educational theories. In reaction against the rigid social patterns of our forefathers, we have gone overboard in a sea of sentimentalism that eliminates individual responsibility and, like Rousseau, blames everything on "society." There is a maudlin emotionalism that excuses and palliates crime all the way up to murder by a soft-headed transfer of responsibility from the criminal to "environment." Hence large elements of the public give their sympathy to the vicious, cruel, and cowardly criminal rather than to his helpless victims. Behind this mushy thinking lies the sanctions of the pseudoscience of Freudian psychology with its excessive emphasis on sex and its infantile fixations of character. These doctrines and their corollary of noninterference with any instinctive drive have infiltrated schools and homes, with disastrous effects on behavior. Restraints and discipline have become dirty words.

Mr. Hoover is right in asking that parents be made responsible for their children's behavior, but this does not go far enough. Our whole system for dealing with juvenile crime is hopelessly inadequate and frequently incompetent. Quite properly we have built up a separate judicial system to deal with juvenile crime. In many

places, juvenile court judgeships are steppingstones for party hacks, without social education or legal training. Sometimes they are apostles of the "treat 'em rough" doctrine, and railroad the delinquent children into reform schools, way stations to the penitentiaries. Sometimes they are motherly old softies who "just love boys" and certainly love sermonizing. In their hands, parents are protected from publicity and antisocial children go from probation to probation, excused as just "crazy mixed-up kids." In due time they graduate into hardened adult criminals. Juvenile courts are jobs for professionals, trained in both laws and social work.

We must also be ready to employ an adequate supporting staff of professional social workers who can investigate, advise, and follow up the decisions of the court. It is useless to place a child on probation unless there is close supervision by competent social workers. These people know how to utilize the services of both public and private social agencies, but they must work with and under the direct authority of the court. Furthermore, the court must have adequate physical facilities to segregate juvenile offenders from incorrigibles for reeducation. All this machinery will cost money, but only a fraction of the expense of the rising tide of juvenile crime.

Don't Blame Parents

—Not Exclusively

By **JOHN J. LEGATE**

City Planning Director;
Rotarian, Sarnia, Ont., Canada

WITH all due respect to Mr. Hoover's opinions and assertions, expressed in his article *Punish the Parent?*, I must take issue with him on the grounds that his very searching finger points only at a few trees while he disregards the dark wood that provides the back-

drop to this shocking problem.

I greatly admire and respect Mr. Hoover and I unhesitatingly grant his qualifications and authority to present his facts, the implications arising from them, and his solution to the problem as he sees it. I would pray that he grant my qualifications and authority, not to refute his charge, but to counter with the charge that he does not go far enough, that he rests his case on the parents alone.

My qualifications? I am a parent. My authority? I have two teen-agers who are well behaved and who have committed no crime.

I concede that we parents are remiss in our duties to our children, as Mr. Hoover states. We fail to train them as they should be trained, we spend less time with them than we should, we give them too much latitude, we let our interests preclude an interest in their activities, we do all the things Mr. Hoover and many

others charge us with, and upon us falls all the criticism and re- crimination levelled at us by the church, the courts, the schools, the medical profession, and magazine writers.

But what are we parents? We are not gods, we are not supermen, we are not all doctors of philosophy. We are people, the kind of people who have the unhappy faculty of being human beings. We are ordinary people with a standard of education that is not very high, members of the great unexciting average. We are ordinary people who are subject to complex and ever-increasing pressures and influences which, because we cannot understand them, we cannot cope with. We are dazed by the course, speed, and magnitude of events; we are dizzied by the increasing tempo of our squirrel-cage existence; we are harried by the growing expectations and demands of a society that is made up largely of people like ourselves.

Our view of life is a kaleidoscope of star dust, streamlined stainless steel, hucksters clamoring at us from television screens, whirring-clock hands, cocktails, and banana-cream pies . . . all accompanied by a cacophony of telephone bells, auto horns, screaming tires, inane laughter, and anguished sobs, all orchestrated to the beat of rock 'n' roll!

There is a madness upon us—parents, children, and others alike; a madness that laughs at cause and effect, a madness that mocks at the dignity of man, a madness that prospers because of our very inability to recognize it for what it is.

WE parents are the unwitting, if not innocent, pawns of a vast conspiracy that is beyond our ken. We know we are failing, but we are as helpless as we are appalled, and in our scramble to live we can find no time to ask ourselves whither we are bent or why, to assess, to analyze, or even to cry for help.

We stand accused, but we, too, can accuse. We can accuse our leaders of being leaderless; our churches, schools, courts, and other institutions of failing us in our need; our very neighbors for contributing to the madness that engulfs us. We parents are guilty, as are our children, as were our parents, and as will be our future grandchildren . . . indeed, as are nearly all people who live.

It is a great wonder that more of our children are not delinquents!

In his *Public Philosophy*, Walter Lippmann states: "In the prevailing popular culture all philosophers are the instruments of some man's purpose, all truths are self-centered and self-regarding, and all principles are the rationalization of some special interest. There is no public criterion of the true and the false, of the right and the wrong, beyond that which the preponderant mass of voters, consumers, readers, and listeners happen at the moment to be supposed to want."

In the light of this, Mr. Editor, I believe that Mr. Hoover's finger should be raised above and beyond me, but not to exclude me.



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CONSERVATION FARMER

*On paths he loves his contour grain rows go,
His terraces reach straight into the wood,
His ponds pour drink where apple orchards grow,
And shaded brooks run clear of silt and flood.
Beneath his footstep newest clovers rise,
His hand plants forests on the mountain side,
His yields of wheat and corn are tempting prize
Near posted coverts where the pheasants hide.
This ancient soil is his brief trust to keep,
His cherished fruit a morrow's child may need;
And thus he anchors grasslands to the steep,
Whereon perpetual herds henceforth shall feed.
Foresees this father so his son is heir
To richer fields, to hold in prouder care.*

—ROY E. MCFEE

We say the Federal Government would fail to serve the people's interest if it stood idly by, indifferent to broad deficiencies in health, education or economic security. — Marion Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Affirmed at Valley Forge

Valley Forge, a place of proud, dark memory for Americans, witnessed this Washington's Birthday an expression of the peculiar genius of Americanism. The keynote of this lay in the choice of the principal winner of the Freedoms Foundation awards—FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover.

There are few other places in the world where the long-time director of national police could without irony be considered an apt choice for honoring in the name of freedom. Here it is by no means strange, and the basic reason why it is not was well explained by Mr. Hoover in his speech of acceptance:

"The primary mission of our constitutional republic is to preserve the proper balance between freedom and authority. . . . The pseudo-liberal and the neo-fascist seek either license or an excess of authority."

There, once again, is a statement of what America is all about. It was improper balance of freedom and authority that brought Washington and his men to Valley Forge that black winter long ago. It was imbalance in the other direction which brought Washington back to Pennsylvania to head the new Federal government a few years later.

Preserving the balance has been the preoccupation of Americans of good will ever since. Few will deny the notable contribution toward this goal made by the FBI's Director. Some will shudder to think what that unit of authority might have tried to become in other hands.

"The primary mission" continues. It is good for Americans to think of it clearly, to remember that freedom and authority, in carefully balanced proportion, are this nation's essence.

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George Blount

Dear Mr. Blount:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 11, 1957,
with enclosures.

Your generous comments concerning the Freedoms
Foundation Award which I received on February 22 are indeed
appreciated, and while a policy of long standing precludes my
commenting upon your book, "Observations on Life," I am most
grateful for your thoughtfulness in sending a copy of it to me.

Sincerely yours,

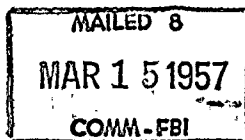
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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And as a fellow Freedoms Foundation prize winner

I am hoping that you will like my little effort at trying to write in this limited space a few words of appreciation about a man of your high caliber and of your outstanding contributions to mankind and to the world.

We are all surely indebted to you and we are all much better off because you are living and working here and now. Our good Lord has brought you on the scene at this particular time and He is surely saving you for some excellent purpose yet unknown to us all.

I am hoping that you will find it possible to send me your word of comment about my little book- OBSERVATIONS ON LIFE - it might help the Freedoms Foundation and me.

Sincerely yours,

George Wesley Blount

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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16 The Director indicated he would like to see the pictures taken for television at the Freedoms Foundation ceremonies at Valley Forge. I have been doing considerable checking trying to get all the film together. I find that the Director's full remarks were not recorded. The following is what we have been able to secure. They are all on 16 mm. film and are as follows:

1. WCAU-TV only had about 40 feet which runs approximately one minute. This shows the opening scenes at Valley Forge, the flag raising ceremonies, the Director, Secretary Wilson, people going into the audience and a brief shot of the Director receiving the large plaque. The Director is then shown at the lecture for about five seconds followed by the awarding of a plaque to Wilson and another five seconds of the Director speaking which ends the film.

2. WRCV-TV in Philadelphia recorded approximately 200 feet of film which runs approximately seven minutes. The photography is excellent; however, apparently this station used clips and then spliced them back together and at points in the film there will be flashes of light on the screen and a disconcerting noise which comes from the splices.

3. WFIL-TV of Philadelphia has an excellent summary which depicts the flag raising, platform, shots of Wilson receiving his medal, a shot of a Brigadier General receiving a medal, a shot of the audience and the awarding of the plaque to the Director. All of the foregoing is silent. It is then followed by excerpts of the Director's speech for approximately three minutes. This is followed by another view of Wilson and ends up with a shot of Wilson being interviewed by a reporter of Philadelphia on the National Guard controversy.

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4. Forty-five minutes of the proceedings was put on tape and broadcast by WFIL in Philadelphia over radio. We have taken out of the 45 minutes the Director's introduction and his remarks.

Since the film is on 16 mm. stock, if the Director desires, a projector could be set up in his office while he is out to lunch or at any time with approximately 20 minutes notice and the film could be run off. Likewise, a recorder can be set up if the Director desires to hear the portions used on radio.

cc - Mr. Holloman
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I shall be very grateful if you will be good enough to send me a copy of the address which you delivered at a Washington Birthday Celebration at Valley Forge. Should excerpts of it were reported in the February 23rd edition of the New York Times.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward O. Miller
(The Rev.) Edward O. Miller
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0 Freedom Foundation, Inc.

March 8, 1957

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Assistant to the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Nick:

Freedom's Foundation

I am enclosing herewith a three-minute kinescope film of the Director's appearance at Valley Forge. This film was obtained through the courtesy of WFIL-TV. There is also being enclosed a 45-minute tape from WFIL covering the award ceremonies on February 22nd. In addition, copies of the tape recordings made by WNAR, Norristown, Pa., and WCOJ, Coatesville, Pa., are being enclosed.

WRCV-TV has advised they may have some kinescope clips, but they will not be available before Tuesday. WCAU is having a short clip of the Director receiving the award printed, but it will not be available until Wednesday. Both of these items will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

As I mentioned to Maguire in my telephone conversation of March 8th, Telenews of New York sent a crew from Washington, D.C., to Valley Forge to shoot the films, and it is believed that copies may be obtained through their Washington office.

As I also indicated to Maguire, a full-length kinescope of the proceedings was filmed for an unknown radio station in Miami which received an award, and it is believed that the Miami Office may be able to obtain this if you so desire.

In the event I can be of any further assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Carl
CARL E. HENNRICH

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 12, 1957

FROM : M. Jones

SUBJECT: FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that SAC Hennrich, in a letter to you dated March 8, 1957, advised that in regard to the Director's appearance and address at Freedoms Foundation "a full-length kinescope of the proceedings was filmed for an unknown radio station in Miami which received an award, and it is believed that the Miami Office may be able to obtain this if you so desire."

CURRENT ACTION:

We have the program of the February 22, 1957, Freedoms Foundation activities. This program lists all awards given in various categories. There are approximately 500 such awards. It is noted that under "Advertising" a George Washington Honor Medal Award was made to Storer Broadcasting Company, Miami Beach, Florida, for advertising series. However, it is believed the award that Hennrich had reference to was an award listed under "Television Programs." The top award in this category, which was an encased George Washington Honor Medal, went to Station WTVJ, Miami, Florida, for "Listen To The People, a public service program dramatizing the rights and privileges of the American Way of Life against the back-drop of a small town on Independence Day."

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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